



Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, whether in times of great joy and thanksgiving, or in times of great challenge and uncertainty, Americans have turned to prayer. In prayer, we have expressed gratitude and humility, sought guidance and forgiveness, and received inspiration and assistance, both in good times and in bad; and

WHEREAS, on this day, let us give thanks to God for his many blessings he has given our children. Let us ask for wisdom, compassion, and discernment for our youth as they are faced with great challenges with bullying, drugs and alcohol, self-esteem, peer-pressure and identity; and

WHEREAS, our nation was founded by men who sought wisdom and guidance through prayer; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer was first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, in 1952, enacted legislation setting aside a Day of Prayer for the nation; and

WHEREAS, prayer has played a strong role in our nation's history and heritage, as many Americans have depended on it for healing, hope, and guidance; and

WHEREAS, the observance of the National Day of Prayer has, for children, proven to be a powerful tool that has brought together and united citizens from diverse religious backgrounds in an effort to face life's challenges with renewed hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jim Byard, Jr., City of Prattville do hereby proclaim November 20, 2010 as

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

in Prattville, Alabama.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this City to be affixed.

Mayor

Jim Byard, Jr.
November 20, 2010