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MAYOR

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Shreveport Prays for Unity on National Day of Prayer

Mayor Tom Arceneaux invites the community to join him on May 4th to observe the National Day of Prayer and he has issued a proclamation declaring Thursday, May 4, as “National Day of Prayer” in the Shreveport.

“Mayor Quote”

Throughout history, Americans have lifted up fervent prayers to God on behalf of our nation. From the first gatherings of our Founding Fathers through every year’s Presidential Proclamation of the National Day of Prayer, our nation rallies around common needs and themes to draw them into prayer.

This year, the National Day of Prayer 2023 theme is, “Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much,” coming from the promise of scripture found in James 5:16b NKJV that says, “the effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” This is a promise that our nation has witnessed over the decades of prayer.

The National Day of Prayer became public law in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The observance of the National Day of Prayer is founded on the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion and can be celebrated by all.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, prayer has been an anchor for countless American searching for strength and wisdom in times of struggle and sharing hope and gratitude in times of joy; and

WHEREAS, today, the first Thursday in May, is annual observance of the **National Day of Prayer**, when the people of our nation turn to God in prayer; and

WHEREAS, the **National Day of Prayer** takes its theme from the Book of James 5:16, which says *Pray fervently in righteousness and avail much*, and this special day focuses on uniting all people of different faiths in the United States to pray for our nation and its leaders; and

WHEREAS, May 4, 2023, will mark the 72nd annual observance of the **National Day of Prayer**; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Shreveport, we pray for the safety of our citizens; we pray for a reduction in the violence that plagues our city; we pray for safe schools where our children can grow, learn, and become productive citizens. We pray for communities where all people can enjoy a good quality of life; and we pray for unity, understanding, peace, and love; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, Tom Arceneaux, **Mayor** of the City of Shreveport, do hereby proclaim today, Thursday, May 4, 2023, as

National Day of Prayer

In the City of Shreveport and encourage citizens in our city and throughout the country to pray for the city, state, and nation on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Shreveport to be affixed.

Tom Arceneaux

MAYOR