

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way many Californians practice their faith. Whether tuning in remotely to religious services or conducting cherished rites over the phone, Californians have worked to find new ways to connect with one another and live out their faith while keeping their communities healthy. We stand with all Californians who make time for reflection and prayer today and during these extraordinary moments.

We also remember those we have lost in this crisis, and draw strength and resilience from the extraordinary heroism on display all across the state. Throughout this COVID-19 emergency, Californians from all walks of life have stepped up to keep faith with our values of inclusion, generosity and community. We honor the heroic health care workers, emergency response personnel and essential workers from all lines of work, as well as volunteers who are safely checking in on their vulnerable neighbors. They remind us that we are one California, all ready to protect one another, and committed to emerging from this crisis stronger and more united than before.

With Californians from all faiths and backgrounds observing this day in a multitude of ways, we are also reminded of what makes California great – our remarkable capacity to live together and advance together across every conceivable difference, which will once again see us through challenging and uncertain times.

**NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2021, as a "Day of Prayer" in the State of California.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2021.



  
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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.  
Secretary of State