



Town of Westlake Proclamation

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 1, 2025

WHEREAS, from our nation's humble beginnings, public prayer and national days of prayer have played a vital role in the life and history of America dating back to the first call to prayer in 1775 when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, and the call to prayer has continued throughout our history both in times of conflict and peace, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863; and

WHEREAS, these times of national supplication were made official in 1952 when President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress which enacted legislation setting aside an annual day of prayer for the nation, and in 1988 this Public Law was amended by Congress and President Reagan, permanently proclaiming the first Thursday of May annually as The National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer is thus acknowledged as a vital part of our nation's heritage as it enables us to recall and teach the way in which our forefathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions, thereby reaffirming the spiritual principles upon which this nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans and is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds to seek God for the area and country where we live, learn, work, worship, and serve and to honor God and give Him thanks for the many liberties and blessings we have received, among them the freedom to gather, worship and pray; and

WHEREAS, Thursday, May 1, 2025, is the 74th Observance of the National Day of Prayer in our nation and simultaneously the 33rd consecutive observance for the citizens in this 76262 community, having as its theme for this year: **Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled**, based upon Romans 15:13, "*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit*"; and

WHEREAS, , on this National Day of Prayer we come together as leaders and citizens to unite our hearts and voices together in prayer as one nation under God acknowledging our dependency upon Him and to seek His divine guidance, protection, and strength to meet the challenges that we face both present and future, and to pray for peace throughout our nation and the world.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kim Greaves, Mayor of the Town of Westlake, Texas, with the Town Council do hereby proclaim May 1, 2025, as

A DAY OF PRAYER IN WESTLAKE

And invite all in our Town to observe this day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance as a time for united prayer.

ISSUED: April 15, 2025

Kim Greaves, Mayor

