

City of Mansfield

Proclamation

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2020

WHEREAS, in 1952 the National Day of Prayer was created by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, signed into law by President Harry Truman, and has become an annual observance held every first Thursday of May; and

WHEREAS, this national observance unites Americans from all socio-economic, political and ethnic backgrounds, is placed on all Hallmark calendars, and regularly involves over two million people attending more than 30,000 observances each year; and

WHEREAS, in September of 1774, the first session of the Continental Congress opened with prayer from Psalms 35 by Reverend Jacob Duche at Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, and as a result records indicate there have been at least 1,526 state and federal calls for national prayer since; and

WHEREAS, An exhaustive analysis of more than 1,500 reputable medical studies "indicates people who are more religious and pray more have better mental and physical health; and

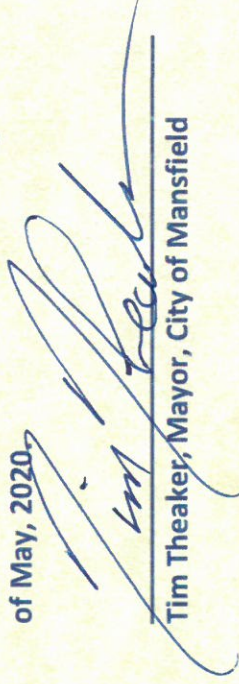
WHEREAS, our region is historically known for its dependence on the Almighty when eighty-three Richland County clergymen during the 2008-2009 recession called for a day of prayer and fasting after the closure of the local General Motors stamping plant, and when one hundred twenty clergymen cross north central Ohio, called Ohioans to a season of corporate prayer and fasting during the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, a local public observance of the National Day of Prayer has been occurring at the Central Park Gazebo in downtown Mansfield for over twenty years, and has now extended to observances in at least five other communities inside Richland County;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM THEAKER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, OHIO, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 7, 2020 as National Day of Prayer.



IN WITNESS WHEREFOR, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 7th day of May, 2020.


Tim Theaker, Mayor, City of Mansfield