

Proclamation

National Day of Prayer May 2, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners of Van Wert County, Ohio, met in regular session in the office of said Board on the 23rd day of April, 2024, with the following members present: Mr. Stan D. Owens and Mr. Thad Lichtensteiger.

Mr. Owens moved the adoption of the following **PROCLAMATION**:

Whereas, the National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman; and

Whereas, in 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer; and

Whereas, prayer brings people together, builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties, and reminds us that we are created in God's image, and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go; and

Whereas, the 2024 theme for the National Day of Prayer is, "Lift Up the Word – Light Up the World," based upon the words found in 2 Samuel 22:29-31, "For You are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God – His way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him;" and

Whereas, leaders of our nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout American history; and **Whereas**, prayer has helped pull people through struggles and fears of every kind and also serves as a wonderful way to express love, gratitude, and concern, whether in private or amongst family and friends. Throughout our nation's history, leaders have urged citizens of faith to pray for our land and those who defend our freedoms at home and abroad. For many, prayer is an important part of their daily lives, and on May 2, 2024, we join with people across our country in uniting in a National Day of Prayer; therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Board of Van Wert County Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2, 2024, as the

National Day of Prayer

in Van Wert County and urges Van Wert County residents to remember our nation in prayer, asking for God's blessings, guidance, grace, and protection for our great nation as we address the challenges of our times.

Mr. Lichtensteiger seconded the motion. The roll was called upon its adoption, and the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Owens, Yea; Mr. Lichtensteiger, Yea; and Mr. Wolfrum, Absent.

Stan D. Owens

Chairman of the Board



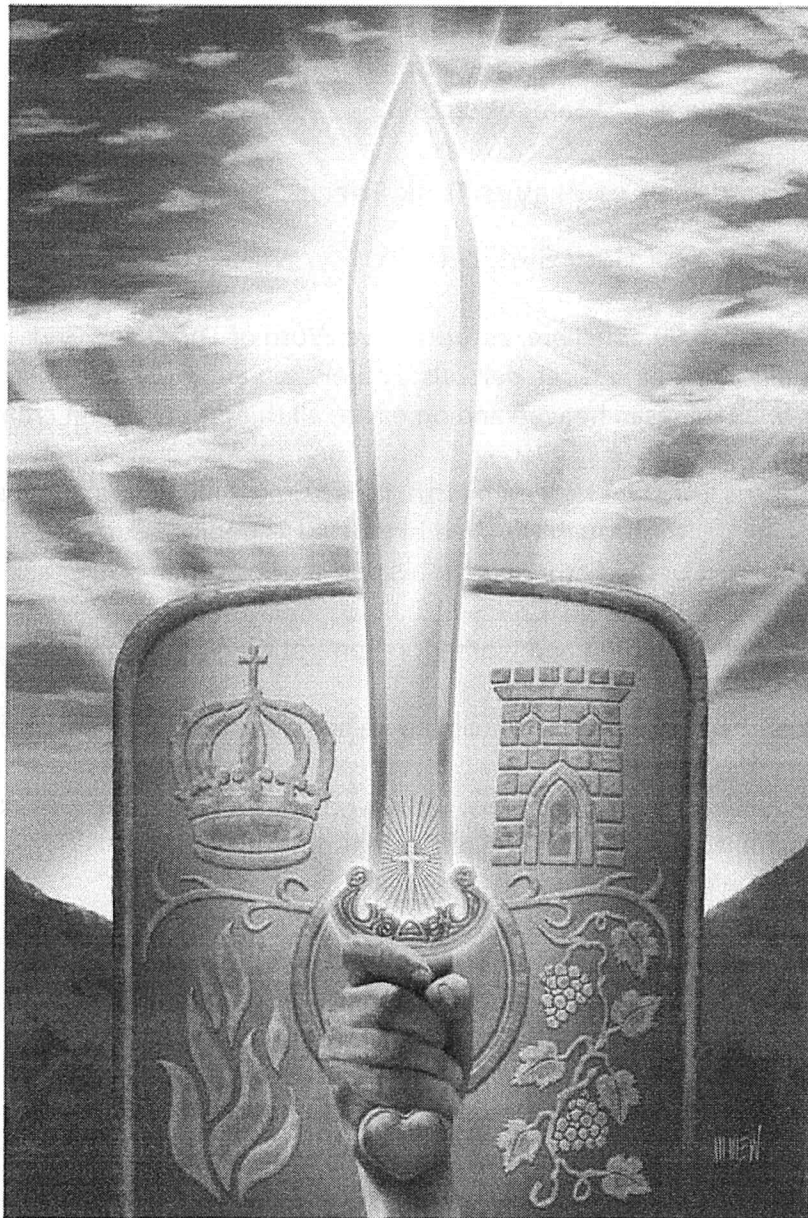
Todd D. Wolfrum

Todd D. Wolfrum - Absent

National Day of Prayer 2024

Van Wert County • 12:00 PM

VW Co. Courthouse



LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

NATIONAL
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PRAYER



Welcome

Paul Hoverman, Coordinator

"This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!" Psalm 118:24

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. In Van Wert County, we are blessed to be led by elected Commissioners who value this event and wish to participate by making a formal Proclamation on behalf of the citizens of Van Wert County. Here to share that with us are Commissioners: Todd Wolfrum, Stan Owens, and Thad Lichtensteiger.

Proclamation for Van Wert County

Commissioner????

National Day of Prayer theme

Pastor Clark Williman, Calvary Evangelical Church

"Lift up the Word, light up the world" 2 Samuel 22:29-31

Statement of Faith- National Day of Prayer Task Force

All: We Believe....

Pastor Gary Ginter- Ohio City/Willshire UM Churches

- The Holy Bible is the inspired, only, infallible, authoritative Word of The Living God.
- There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The Lord is the Creator of all things in heaven and on earth; all things have been created through Him and for Him.
- In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in his personal return in power and glory.
- That for salvation of lost and sinful men and women, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they who are saved unto resurrection life and they who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Global outpouring

Pastor Jim Burns, Liberty Baptist Church

Praying for people unreached with the Gospel, and fellow Christians around the world persecuted for their faith.

Families

Pastor Missy Mullenhour, Good Shepherd

mothers, fathers, children, the unborn

Schools and Educators

Roger Peugh, Trinity Friends Church

Churches, Para-ministries, Ministers

Paul Hoverman, Ministerial Coordinator

Military, Law Enforcement, First Responders

Pastor Bill Watson, Pentecostal Way

Local Officials

Pastor Tom Emery, Salem Presby- Venedocia
Commissioners, Mayors, Council members, Judges

State Officials

Pastor JH Vanlal, First Presbyterian
Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators, Representatives, Supreme Court

National Officials

Pastor Aaron McGranahan, Promise Church
President, Vice President, Congress, Supreme Court, upcoming elections

Sing: *America*

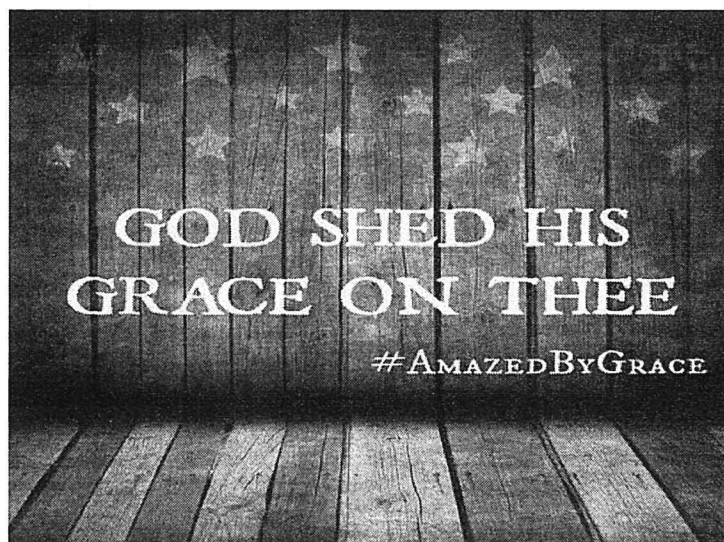
My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
from every mountain-side let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, of thee we sing;
long may our land be bright WITH FREEDOM'S HOLY LIGHT;
protect us by thy might, great God our King!

"Lift up the Word, light up the world"

Closing Prayer

Pastor Clark Williman



April 23, 2024
Proclamation Presentation
National Day of Prayer

Sign-In Sheet

Dorold N. Baker
May Hunter
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Paul Hovemann
Brie Watson
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