

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 7, 2026

- WHEREAS,** Civic Prayers and National Days of Prayer have a long and venerable history in our constitutional republic, dating back to the First Continental Congress in 1775; and
- WHEREAS,** the Declaration of Independence, our first statement as Americans of national purpose and identity, made "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God" the foundation of our United States of America and asserted that people have inalienable rights that are God-given; and
- WHEREAS,** the Supreme Court has affirmed the right of state legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a **National Day of Prayer** was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and
- WHEREAS,** the **National Day of Prayer** is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** prayer can play a valuable and productive role in strengthening bonds of understanding, tolerance, friendship and unity among all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, New Jersey do hereby proclaim **Thursday, May 7, 2026,** to be designated as **A DAY OF PRAYER** in Monroe Township and encourage our citizens to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

Dated: May 1, 2026



STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR