



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

*WHEREAS, whether in times of great joy and thanksgiving, or in times of great challenge and uncertainty, Americans have turned to prayer. In prayer, we have expressed gratitude and humility, sought guidance and forgiveness, and received inspiration and assistance, both in good times and in bad; and*

*WHEREAS, on this day, let us give thanks to God for his many blessings he has given our children. Let us ask for wisdom, compassion, and discernment for our youth as they are faced with great challenges with bullying, drugs and alcohol, self-esteem, peer-pressure, and identity; and*

*WHEREAS, our nation was founded by men who sought wisdom and guidance through prayer; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer was first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775; and*

*WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, in 1952, enacted legislation setting aside a Day of Prayer for the nation; and*

*WHEREAS, prayer has played a strong role in our nation's history and heritage, as many Americans have depended on it for healing, hope, and guidance; and*

*WHEREAS, the observance of the National Day of Prayer has, for children, proven to be a powerful tool that has brought together and united citizens from diverse religious backgrounds in an effort to face life's challenges with renewed hope.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr. City of Prattville do hereby proclaim November 17, 2012 as*

***NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN***

*in Prattville, Alabama.*



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of  
Prattville on the 17th day of November 2012.

*Bill Gillespie*

Mayor Bill Gillespie, Jr.