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**Gov. Nikki Haley Announces Statewide Prayer Vigils**  
*"We Know How To Have Compassion...We Are One State, One People"*

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – As South Carolinians prepare for Thanksgiving and the holiday season, Governor Nikki Haley announced a day of prayer vigils throughout the state on Tuesday, November 22, 2016.

The governor, working together with leaders of the faith community, urges everyone, regardless of their faith or denomination, to pray for continued strength and healing across the state and give thanks for the state's blessings. Prayer vigils will be held in individual places of worship at 12:00 PM when bells will ring in observance of services statewide.

"Faith, prayer and helping our neighbors is what got us through a challenging time last year, and those things will get us through these two trials and the aftermath of the hurricane," said the governor. "In South Carolina, we know how to have compassion toward each other, count our blessings, and remember that we are one state, one people."

Two significant criminal trials are underway in Charleston, and many families along the coast and throughout the Pee Dee are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Matthew.

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