



February 4, 2016

Dear Governor Haley,

**Our Mission:**

The National Day of Prayer Task Force exists to mobilize prayer in America and to encourage personal repentance and righteousness in the culture.

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Warm greetings from the National Day of Prayer (NDP) Task Force! Every year since Congress established an annual day of prayer in 1952, millions of Americans from coast to coast have gathered in churches, synagogues, schools, parks, and other venues to intercede on behalf of our country. Given the extent our culture has deviated from the moral underpinnings upon which our nation was founded, it behooves us to honor the precedent set forth by our forefathers.

The words of Thomas Jefferson, uttered over 200 years ago, echo our concerns for today. Bemoaning the state of an infant republic he said, "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that His justice cannot sleep forever." Today, we face different trials, but we are not far removed from the desperation of Jefferson's times. How good it is to know, then, that our distress is tempered by our confidence in the mercy of the living God and in His promise to hear the petitions of His children. In that spirit, we have chosen *Wake Up America* as our theme for 2016, based on Isaiah 58: 1a which says, "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet."

In keeping with national tradition, we ask that you lend your support in the form of a public proclamation declaring May 5, 2016 as a National Day of Prayer. For more than 60 years, this nationwide observance has been recognized each May by the President of the United States and last year, every governor in the nation, as well as those in our U.S. territories, participated. As you may know, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, based in Chicago, ruled 3-0 on April 14, 2011 that the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) and its plaintiffs did not have standing to continue their challenge of the constitutionality of the National Day of Prayer. Therefore, you have full legal right to recognize this vital observance. Given the importance of this annual day of prayer, as state governor, we seek your support of this day.

Kindly send a copy of your official proclamation to us here at NDPTF headquarters by **April 11th**, preferably by email to [lisa.crump@NationalDayofPrayer.org](mailto:lisa.crump@NationalDayofPrayer.org), or by regular mail to: National Day of Prayer Task Force, 3710 Sinton Road, Suite 220, Colorado Springs, CO, 80907, attn.: Lisa Crump. Also, please provide a second copy for our State Coordinator, who will contact your office soon. All 50 state and U.S. territory proclamations will be bound and presented to President Obama. Prayer event coordinators anticipate reading their state's proclamation on May 5th, thus timely recipient is very appreciated by your constituents. If any questions arise, contact Lisa Crump, Chief Operations Officer, directly at 719.559.9573, or the email above.

We appreciate your time and consideration, Governor «last\_name», and look forward to hearing from you. God bless you and your staff, as you continue to faithfully serve the people of South Carolina!

Sincerely,

Mrs. James C. Dobson (Shirley)

Chairman

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