

Proclamation

National Day of Prayer 2026
Office of the Mayor

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,

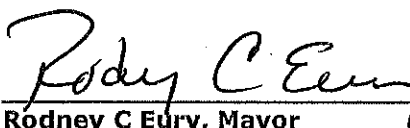
Whereas: In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National day of prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and,

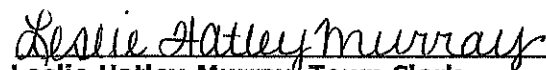
Whereas: The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and,

Whereas: It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Oakboro when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the needs for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and Nation; and,

Whereas: This year marks the 75th Annual National Day of Prayer with this year's theme, "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations." "Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples." (1 Chronicles 16:24)

Therefore: I, Rodney C Eury, Mayor of Oakboro, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 7th, 2026, to be designated as "A DAY OF PRAYER IN OAKBORO" and encourage the citizens of Oakboro to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance. Proclaimed this the 20th day of April, 2026.


Rodney C Eury, Mayor


Leslie Hatley-Murray, Town Clerk

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