

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Students, teachers, and parents in Arkansas enjoy the right to pray. Arkansas and its government acknowledge that we are all endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, among them freedom of religion;

WHEREAS: As the Gospel of John tells us, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him;"

WHEREAS: Knowing the power of prayer, we ask God to provide Arkansas students with wisdom and guidance in this new school year;

WHEREAS: We pray that our students see the benefits of the most sweeping education reforms— Arkansas LEARNS— to be implemented in our schools in decades so that no child is trapped in a lifetime of poverty;

WHEREAS: We unite with our fellow Arkansans to thank God for our great schools and the opportunities they provide; and

WHEREAS: We make a commitment to always protect the right to pray in our schools, knowing the power God holds over our state and her people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September 27th, 2023 as

"A DAY OF PRAYER FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 6th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2023.



Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor

John Thurston

John Thurston, Secretary of State