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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate and set aside Thursday, the twentieth day of November 1941, as a day to be observed in giving thanks to the Heavenly Source of our earthly blessings.

Our beloved country is free and strong, ~~and~~ ~~united~~. Our moral and physical defenses against the forces of threatened aggression are mounting daily in magnitude and effectiveness. <sup>It</sup> In the interest of our own <sup>future</sup> ~~defense~~, we are sending succor at ~~an~~ ~~increasing~~ ~~pace~~ to those peoples abroad who are bravely defending their homes and their precious liberties against annihilation. <sup>It</sup> We have not ~~been~~ ~~without~~ lost our faith in the spiritual dignity of man, our proud belief in the right of all people to live out their lives in freedom and with equal treatment. The love of democracy still burns brightly in our hearts.

We are grateful to the Father of us all for the innumerable daily manifestations of His beneficent mercy in affairs both public and private, for the bounties of the harvest, for opportunities to labor and to serve, and for the continuance of those homely joys and satisfactions which enrich our lives.

Let us ask the Divine Blessing  
in our decision and determination to  
protect our way of life against the forces of  
evil and slavery which seek in these days to ~~overwhelm us~~

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