

November 26, 1942

[Thanksgiving Day Service]

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THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES
NOVEMBER 26, 1942
ATTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT

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WERE HELD
IN THE EAST ROOM OF THE WHITE HOUSE AT
11 A.M., E.W.T., NOVEMBER 26, 1942
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(SEAL)

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(see attached program for details
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A Thanksgiving Day Service

THE WHITE HOUSE

November 26, 1942

A Thanksgiving Day Service At The White House

*Conducted by the Rev. Howard S. Wilkinson, D. D.,
Rector of St. Thomas' Church*

THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION - THE PRESIDENT

HYMN 530. ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

1 Onward, Christian soldiers,
 Marching as to war,
 With the cross of Jesus
 Going on before!
Christ, the royal Master,
 Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
 See, his banners go.

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 Marching as to war,
 With the cross of Jesus
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2 At the sign of triumph
 Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers,
 On to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver
 At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices,
 Loud your anthems raise!

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!

- 3 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one Body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.
- Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!
- 4 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail.
- Onward, Christian soldiers,
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With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!
- 5 Onward, then, ye people!
Join our happy throng!
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song!
Glory, laud, and honor,
Unto Christ the King;

This through countless ages
Men and angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
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PSALM 103

- 1 Praise the LORD, O my soul : and all that is within me, praise
his holy Name.
- 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul : and forget not all his benefits :
- 3 Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities ;
- 4 Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with
mercy and loving-kindness ;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young
and lusty as an eagle.
- 6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment : for all them
that are oppressed with wrong.
- 7 He showed his ways unto Moses : his works unto the children
of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and
of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger
for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us
according to our wickednesses.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so
great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he
set our sins from us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the
LORD merciful unto them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth whereof we are made : he remembereth that
we are but dust.
- 15 The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower
of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him : and his righteousness upon children's children;

18 Even upon such as keep his covenant : and think upon his commandments to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

HYMN 441. FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Tune of St. Finbar, 227

- 1 Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword:
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
When'er we hear that glorious word:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.
- 2 Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free:
How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they, like them, could die for thee!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.
- 3 Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer
Shall keep our country true to thee;

And through the truth that comes from
God,

Our land shall then indeed be free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

- 4 Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly deeds and virtuous life.
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THE FIRST LESSON - DEUTERONOMY VIII

HYMN 421. COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home:
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest-home;
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To thy final harvest-home;
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, for ever purified,
In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home. *Amen.*

THE SECOND LESSON • ST. MATTHEW VI: 25, END

HYMN 415. ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

1 Eternal Father! strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

2 O Christ! whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
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3 Most Holy Spirit! who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
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For those in peril on the sea!

4 O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

O most merciful Father, who hast blessed the labours of the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of the earth; We give thee humble and hearty thanks for this thy bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving-kindness to us, that our land may still yield her increase, to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant *THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES*, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ALL IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY AND OUR ALLIES

O Almighty Lord God, who neither sleepest nor sleepest; Protect and assist, we beseech Thee, all those who at home or abroad, by land, by sea, or in the air, are serving this country, that they, being

armed with Thy defence, may be preserved evermore in all perils; and being filled with wisdom and girded with strength, may do their duty to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Almighty God, who makest even the wrath of man to turn to Thy praise; We beseech Thee so to order and dispose the issue of this war that we may be brought through strife to a lasting peace, and that the nations of the world may be united in a firmer fellowship, for the promotion of Thy glory and the good of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of all comfort; Deal graciously, we pray thee, with all those who mourn, that, casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; we bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness

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A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew; We yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies; such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

THE GRACE

HYMN 434. BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

- 1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Glory! glory! Hallelujah!
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- 2 I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I have read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

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- 5 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born, across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free!
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Thanksgiving Day Service
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A PROCLAMATION STATEMENTS FILE

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Secretary of State.

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November 12, 1942 ✓

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The President on November eleventh  
signed a proclamation entitled "Days of Prayer:  
Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day," as recom-  
mended by you. <sup>x54</sup> <sup>x161</sup> <sup>x4061</sup> <sup>x727</sup>

Very sincerely yours,

M. H. McINTYRE  
Secretary to the President

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Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D.C.

November 10, 1942

Through Division of the Federal Register.

The President,

The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

I am herewith transmitting a proposed proclamation entitled "Days of Prayer: Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day", together with a form of warrant by which you authorize and direct the Secretary of State to cause the seal of the United States to be affixed to the proclamation.

The proposed proclamation, prepared in the State Department at the request of the White House and forwarded for my consideration by the Assistant Director, Legislative Reference, Bureau of the Budget, by letter of November 10, 1942, has my approval as to form and legality.

Respectfully,

Attorney General.

*2 signatures*

*Signed 11/11/42*

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My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Herewith is a proposed Executive Proclamation, presented by the Secretary of State, entitled "Days of Prayer: Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day".

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The Secretary of State advises that the draft of proclamation was prepared at the request of the White House.

This proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F.J. BAILEY

Assistant Director  
Legislative Reference

The Honorable,

The Attorney General.

Enclosures.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
RP

November 7, 1942

My dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 7298 approved February 18, 1936 I enclose for your consideration a draft of a proposed proclamation regarding the observance of Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1942, and New Year's Day, January 1, 1943, as days of prayer. The draft was prepared at the request of the White House.

If the draft proclamation meets with your approval, it is requested that it be referred to the Attorney General for his consideration and, if he approves it, transmitted to the Director of the Division of the Federal Register, The National Archives, for appropriate action.

I also enclose the warrant to be signed by the President authorizing and directing me to cause the seal of the United States to be affixed to the proclamation.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures:

1. Draft of proclamation (original and 6 copies).
2. Warrant.

The Honorable  
Harold D. Smith,  
Director, Bureau of the Budget,  
Executive Office of the President.

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A PROCLAMATION

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."  
Across the uncertain ways of space and time our hearts echo those words, for the days are with us again when, at the gathering of the harvest, we solemnly express our dependence upon Almighty God.

The final months of this year, now almost spent, find our Republic and the nations joined with it waging a battle on many fronts for the preservation of liberty.

In giving thanks for the greatest harvest in the history of our nation, we who plant and reap can well resolve that in the year to come we will do all in our power to pass that milestone; for by our labors in the fields we can share some part of the sacrifice with our brothers and sons who wear the uniform of the United States.

It is fitting that we recall now the reverent words of George Washington, "Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection", and that every American in his own way lift his voice to Heaven.

I recommend that all of us bear in mind this great Psalm:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

"He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Inspired with faith and courage by these words, let us

turn again to the work that confronts us in this time of national emergency: in the armed services and the merchant marine; in factories and offices; on farms and in the mines; on highways, railways and airways; in other places of public service to the Nation; and in our homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite the attention of the people to the joint resolution of Congress approved December 26, 1941, which designates the fourth Thursday in November of each year as Thanksgiving Day; and I request that both Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1942, and New Year's Day, January 1, 1943, be observed in prayer, publicly and privately.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this        day of November  
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By the President:

Secretary of State.