

Thanksgiving Proclamations

THANKSGIVING IN NEW-YORK.; Proclamation.

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That we may publicly signify deep thankfulness for these and countless other blessings of the past, and for the promise that His mercies endure forever; that we may fully acknowledge our dependence upon the Supreme Being, and hear anew from His specially chosen servants, that judgments follow those nations wherein his prerogatives are usurped, and who give not God the glory in all things; and that, in proper spirit, we may ask that victory shall attend our arms, health our armies, and prosperity our dwellings, that peace may be restored, and that we may have strength to meet the trials of the future, I do appoint THURSDAY. THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY Of NOVEMBER next as a day of Praise, Thanksgiving and Prayer to Almighty God; and I do recommend that, suspending all ordinary business and pursuits, the people of this State do meet together in their own chosen places of worship, and that the said day, throughout, be appropriately observed.

January 1, 1795

I, George Washington, President of the United States, do recommend to all religious societies and denominations, and to all persons whomsoever, within the United States to set apart and observe Thursday, the 19th day of February next as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, and on that day to meet together and render their sincere and hearty thanks to the Great Ruler of Nations for the manifold and signal mercies which distinguish our lot as a nation, particularly for the possession of constitutions of government which united and by their union establish liberty with order; for the preservation of our peace, foreign and domestic;

March 4, 1815 (James Madison)

It is for blessings such as these, and more especially for the restoration of the blessing of peace, that I now recommend that the second Thursday in April next be set apart as a day on which the people of every religious denomination may in their solemn assemblies unite their hearts and their voices in a freewill offering to their Heavenly Benefactor of their homage of thanksgiving and of their songs of praise. Given at the city of Washington on the 4th day of March, A.D. 1815, and of the Independence of the United States the thirty-ninth.