



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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Governor and Commander in and over the State of Connecticut,
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEN we reflect on our numerous and aggravated offences against an Almighty GOD, our great benefactor, it becomes us seriously to consider our wiliness and ingratitude, and to seek his pardoning grace and favor, by sincere repentance, humiliation, and prayer.

UNDER this impression, I have thought proper to appoint, and I do hereby appoint **FRIDAY** the twenty-second day of March next, to be set apart and observed as a day of solemn Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer.—And I do earnestly recommend to Ministers and People, seriously and devoutly to contemplate and perform the duties of the day—so that a Fast may be kept to our GOD, such as HE may choose to own and bless:—to join together in humble and repentant confessions of their manifold transgressions against the holy laws and righteous government of an all-perfect Being—our great Creator, constant Supporter, and gracious Redeemer.—Also to lament our public and national, as well as individual Vices, which serve to draw down the Wrath of God upon ourselves and on our land;—to be humbled for our departure from the God of our Fathers—for our declension from the paths of Virtue—for our neglect of the true and genuine principles and practice of our Holy Religion—and our general ingratitude to God, for the distinguishing goodness of his kind Providence towards our nation and land.

At the same time to offer up our fervent and sincere prayers and supplications—That God will be pleased to pardon all our sins—to give us true repentance for all our past errors—and afford us the influences of his Holy Spirit to turn us from the evil of our ways, and to help us in future to walk uprightly before him;—that God will revive the interests of Religion in our land, and promote a more general attention to the gospel of his Son, our Saviour, and to its instituted ministrations;—bless our seminaries of learning and knowledge;—implant the Spirit of genuine Christianity in all our hearts;—increase our love to God, and diffuse among us a general benevolence to all our fellow-men—that God will be pleased to prosper all the Public Interests of this State;—bless all orders of men in it, and give to each one the Spirit of his station;—smile on our Agriculture, Arts, Commerce, and Navigation, and succeed all the lawful works of our hands;—give us fruitful seasons, with health in our dwellings, and influence our hearts to lively and habitual Praise for all his Goodness.

Also, That God may be pleased to bless the external interests and internal concerns of the United States;—give wisdom and fortitude to their Executive and Legislative Councils;—direct them by HIS Wisdom in all their arduous and critical deliberations and actions—and lead them, in the spirit of union and concord, to adopt and pursue such measures as shall effectually tend to our general security and national tranquillity;—preserve the United States from the evils of foreign influence and intrigue, and from the mischiefs of internal discord and disunion. And may that God, who has hitherto been our *Sun and Shield*, and who has sustained us thus far, amidst the tumults and convulsions of conflicting nations, still be *the Rock* of our Salvation, and our sure defence from every danger.

All servile labor, and recreations on said day are by law forbidden.

Given under my Hand at Lebanon, in said State, this twenty-fifth day of February, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the twenty-third.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

By his Excellency's Command,
SAMUEL WYLLYS, Secretary.