

A Proclamation

BY THE
GOVERNOR.

At the request of the Senate and House of Representatives, I hereby appoint **THURSDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT**, to be observed throughout this State as a day of public Thanksgiving, Praise and Prayer; requesting the people to assemble, on that day, in their several places of public worship, and there offer to Almighty God unfeigned acknowledgments for His goodness, for His continued protection and preservation of our lives, and for the bountiful products of another year.

Let us there, while we suspend all avocations unsuitable to the occasion, recount the unmeasured kindness of our Heavenly Father;—thank Him for the health so generally prevalent;—that no devastating sickness has visited us;—that amid the multiplied acts of His kindness he has signally blessed us with a government of order and of laws, depending upon the moral sense and power of the people for its support and continuance, and securing to us the quiet enjoyment of civil rights and religious freedom.

And while we thus render thanks, let us not forget, that to the smiles of His countenance we are indebted for all our social, civil and religious privileges:—that it was His guardian care that upheld us in the infancy of our national existence, that hath protected us from those storms and tempests which have convulsed and overthrown other nations, and that His overruling providence alone has preserved us, thus far, from serious divisions and internal commotions.

It behoves us to thank God for the means afforded, through our system of education, for transmitting to those who succeed us the true principles of good government. Let us pray for those having charge of our schools and seminaries of learning, that they may rightly appreciate the responsibility of their stations, and so teach, that each succeeding generation shall be a generation of better men and better citizens;—ever remembering, that to them, in a great measure, is committed the future destiny of our Republic.

Let us pray for our beloved country—for those who rule over it—for all our free institutions.—That the foul stain of slavery may be speedily washed away.—That God would vouchsafe to extend his paternal care, and restrain all the disorderly tumults of wicked men, and say to the tide of human passion, “thus far shalt thou go and no farther.” That our rulers may be guided by wisdom—that in our national councils they may be led to the adoption of wise and salutary measures—and that our institutions may remain uncorrupted, and continue to exert a healthful influence to the latest period of time.

And while we thus offer up, on the public altar, our prayers and thanksgivings, let us remember the circumstances of the poor and distressed, nor forget, that in addition to our sympathies and prayers, they need the practical fulfilment of the injunction, “be ye warmed, be ye filled.” And finally, let us praise God for all our enjoyments; and, laying aside all animosity, ill will and unfriendly feeling, let us, in the language of inspiration, with one voice exclaim “O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.”



*Given under my hand in Executive Chamber,
at Montpelier, this thirty-first day of October,
in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight
hundred and thirty-seven, and of the Independence
of the United States, the sixty-second.*

SILAS H. JENISON.

BY THE GOVERNOR,

GEO. B. MANSER, Secretary.