

WEEKEND OF PRAYER

- WHEREAS: Since our Nation's founding, Americans have always turned to their faith for inspiration, strength and wisdom; and
- WHEREAS: Our nation and Georgia have a rich heritage of diverse faiths, and no matter the name we call in prayer, it is our faith and our prayer that unite us, allowing us to give thanks in times of joy and providing comfort, strength and solace in moments of challenge; and
- WHEREAS: We continue to mourn those who suffered devastating losses in the most evil of acts on September 11, 2001; and
- WHEREAS: Today, we remain in a most perilous time as our President and all of our nation's leaders seek to protect Georgians and all Americans alike and to preserve the values of freedom, justice and democracy for our people and the people of the world; and
- WHEREAS: Courageous men and women from Georgia and across the country have been called to action to serve as protectors in this fight against terrorism and, as they hold firm in the face of this evil, we hold firm in our responsibility to support their families and loved ones; and
- WHEREAS: We urge all Georgians to remember these dedicated men and women in their prayers and to ask God to protect them as they protect us and bless them and their families for their selfless acts, as they discharge their solemn duty on our behalf in our time of need; and
- WHEREAS: We know that any battle is not won by might, but by His spirit, through His love and with His strength. May the brave men and women, whether on the front lines or back here at home, be filled with His spirit and touched by His loving hand; and
- WHEREAS: We ask that your prayers sustain President George W. Bush and provide him, those who command our Armed Forces and all of our nation's leaders with wisdom, strength and a certainty of purpose that will guide them even in this most trying hour; and
- WHEREAS: We ask that all Georgians unite together to find the strength to serve and encourage each other in hope and prayer, and to support our President and our leaders as they do what is necessary to protect our people, our land and our freedoms; and that, when peering into the face of the evils of terrorism, we remain united, "One Nation Under God;" now
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the days of March 14-16, 2003, as a WEEKEND OF PRAYER in Georgia and call upon the people of Georgia to come together for a weekend of prayer.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

