



BY HIS EXCELLENCY
CHAUNCEY F. CLEVELAND,
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT:
A PROCLAMATION.



In compliance with an immemorial usage, venerated by our ancestors, and hallowed by the most sacred observances; and in solemn commemoration of the sufferings and afflictions of Him who died upon the cross for the redemption and salvation of a sinful world:

I have thought proper to appoint, and do hereby appoint, **FRIDAY**, the *Fifth day of April* next, as a day of **Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer**, throughout this State. And I invite the people, on that day, to abstain from their ordinary avocations and employments, and engage in such religious exercises, both public and private as become a community whose God is the Lord. And especially, do I invite them to assemble together at their usual places of public worship, and there, with minds suitably impressed with a sense of our unworthiness in the sight of God, and of our deep ingratitude in resisting the injunctions of His holy law, seek forgiveness of our manifold sins, and through the aid of the Divine Spirit, form resolutions of amendment and obedience for the government of our life hereafter.

Let us also with feelings of devout gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His past goodness in the bestowment of unmerited blessings, implore a continuance of His watchful Providence over the welfare of our State and country:—that He will cause the earth to bring forth its fruits in abundance for our bodily sustenance and comfort; and mercifully grant that peace may remain in our borders—health in our habitations—and prosperity in every lawful pursuit and department of business:—that He will enlighten with true wisdom the President of the United States, and all other civil rulers and magistrates, enabling them to discharge with fidelity the arduous duties of their respective stations:—that He will be pleased to regard with favor our Colleges, Academies, and Common Schools, and shed upon the charitable and benevolent institutions of our country the dew of his heavenly grace, and the blessed influences of his Holy Spirit:—that He will continue to smile upon the efforts of those who are struggling to banish the evil of intemperance from our land, and enable them speedily to complete the great moral revolution which they have so gloriously begun:—that He will bless the exertions of the philanthropist and Christian—make them instrumental in improving and elevating the condition of the human race, and the sure means of advancing the cause of sound morality and true religion:—that He will cause us properly to estimate the value of those institutions which secure to us the blessings of civil and religious freedom—enable us to preserve them untarnished for the enjoyment of those who come after us—and ultimately extend their happy influences and invaluable privileges to the whole family of mankind.

And I would earnestly call upon the good people of the State humbly to beseech God in his mercy to give us charitable hearts and pure affections—a spirit of forgiveness, as we hope to be forgiven—and a disposition to obey the Divine precept of doing unto others as we would that they should do unto us:—that He will avert from us the consequences of every error; deliver us from envy, hypocrisy, malice, and selfishness; rebuke iniquity and corruption wherever they may exist; arrest the progress of vice and wickedness in our land; save our people from all demoralizing influences and tendencies, and make us ever mindful of the important truth that righteousness alone can exalt us as a nation.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the State, at Hampton, this eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States, the sixty-eighth.

CHAUNCEY F. CLEVELAND.

By the Governor:

NOAH A. PHELPS,

Secretary of State.

