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GOVERNOR,

# A Proclamation.

## OUR increased obligations to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe

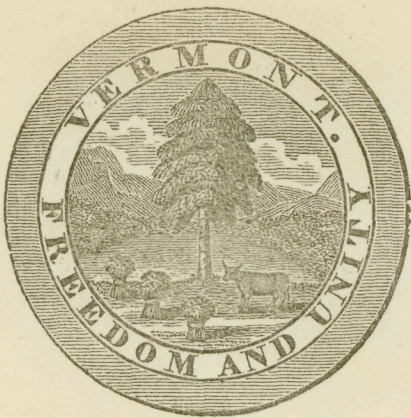
call loudly for an expression of gratitude. We ought to express it at home and in the congregation, not only around the domestic, but the public altar. It is our duty as well as our privilege to assemble as a people, and simultaneously offer up our thanks to Almighty GOD for his unspeakable kindness; for the peculiar blessings of the closing year; and, in the language of inspiration, to "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise."

I do, therefore, at the request of the Senate and House of Representatives, appoint **THURSDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT**, to be observed as a day of public **THANKSGIVING, PRAYER and PRAISE** throughout this State; earnestly recommending that every thing inconsistent with the duties of such a season may be laid aside, and that the people may assemble at their several places of public worship on that day, and present their freewill offerings of gratitude to our gracious Preserver, for the plenty so bountifully bestowed the past season, and for the kind protection afforded us:—that amid all His bestowments He has suffered no destroying sickness to assail us; no public calamity to befall us.

Let us pray GOD that we may properly estimate his blessings:—that his repeated acts of kindness may subdue our hearts, causing them to be filled with unfeigned love to God and our fellow men; that we may be enabled to overcome our sordid and selfish natures, and offer, on that day, and always, those sacrifices which shall be well pleasing in His sight. And while we come around the festive board, mingling our sympathies and exchanging congratulations, and find so much cause for gratitude and devout thanksgiving, let us not forget those around us, who, from the pinching hand of want, are looking for their joy from the superabundance of the truly grateful and charitable; remembering that He, who has so liberally supplied our wants, commands us to be the almoners of His bounty, and that true gratitude is well expressed in feeding the hungry and clothing the naked.

Let us pray for the continuance of His favor and loving kindness:—That He would bless us in all our relations; that parents may so train up their children that they shall be well prepared to receive their civil, social, and political inheritance, and that such sentiments may be instilled into their minds as shall render them worthy of these invaluable privileges; that our country and her institutions may be preserved from harm; that all measures, adopted by our national and state governments may be directed to the best good of all; and that such wisdom may be imparted to all our rulers as will enable and induce them to labor unremittingly for the increased prosperity of our great Republic.

Let us invoke the favor of Heaven upon our colleges and schools; that they may send forth, throughout the length and breadth of the land, those influences only, which are the legitimate emanations of rightly instructed and well educated minds: And finally, let us pray that the mild and benign influence of the religion of our LORD and SAVIOUR, Jesus Christ, may be extended and diffused, till all vice and immorality shall be exterminated; till the blessed practice, of doing to others as we would that others should do unto us, shall be universally established among men:—then will have been heard the last groan of the oppressed; then will man have ceased to claim property in his fellow-man, and true peace and goodwill be found co-extensive with the whole earth; then shall go up from every land one great voice, exclaiming—"Blessed is the nation whose GOD is the LORD: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."



*Given under my hand, and the seal of said State, in Executive Chamber, at Montpelier, this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States, the sixty-third.*

**SILAS H. JENISON.**

BY THE GOVERNOR,  
**GEO. B. MANSER, Secretary.**