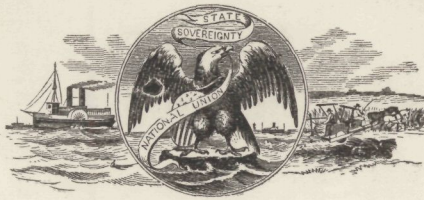


# PROCLAMATION



For a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise,

BY

RICHARD J. OGLESBY,

GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS.

It is a duty, and should be a pleasure, for all the people to bow down before, and recognize the presence of God ;

To praise Him and meekly to return thanks from grateful hearts to the benign Providence that always watches over, protects and leads us.

We cannot enumerate His blessings, for they are without number ;

We cannot understand His ways, for they are past finding out.

We know that God is good ; that "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord."

Then let us honor and praise Him ; in humility acknowledging our sins before Him, and with thankful hearts implore a continuance of the many blessings shown to us as a people.

Especially have the Nation and State been blessed with peace, prosperity and health ; and with the earnest desire that these blessings may still be vouchsafed us, let us continue to implore the Divine favor.

Now, therefore, I do hereby recommend that

**Thursday, the 29th day of November,**

be set apart as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty God.

[L. S.]

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed at Springfield, this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

RICHARD J. OGLESBY.

BY THE GOVERNOR :

SHARON TYNDALE,

*Secretary of State.*