



PROCLAMATION

As a tempestuous year draws to a close, let us set aside a special day for thanks and prayer.

Centuries ago, our forefathers, standing on the bleak New England shores . . . having endured unusual hardships . . . gave thanks to God for a new land, a new freedom, and a harvest that would hopefully provide enough food to make it through the winter.

Now, nearly 350 years later, we live in more plentiful times. Our abundance and affluence staggers the imagination of the world. The great danger to our people is not in having enough but in knowing how to use and distribute what we have.

We need a day of thanks to the Lord for His great goodness.

We need a day of prayer for forgiveness for having strayed from His precepts.

For the new year, we need to say:

"Grant that a spiritual richness may equal our material wealth,
Deliver us from our passions, prides, appetites and other frailties,
Subdue the hate and anger that tears at mankind,
Visit Thy tender care on all those who have suffered,
Lead this nation through submission to Thy will to perfect enjoyment
of peace, harmony and union,
Instill in us a spirit of true love to all our fellowmen,
Accept our thanks for all of the mercies bestowed upon us through
Thy grace."

In order that we may properly observe a day of penitence and thanksgiving, I hereby proclaim Thursday, November 27, 1969, as

THANKSGIVING DAY

and I urge all Minnesotans to attend their respective houses of worship to carry out the purpose of this Holy Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and of the State, the one hundred twelfth.

Harold E. Vander
GOVERNOR

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