

All 3rd Senate District High School Students - Public, Private, Home School

# Essay Contest

# National Day of Prayer

## THEME

### Describe the Historical Role of Prayer by American Government Leaders

The essay should provide the background and evidence of why the National Day of Prayer is an official observance of the United States of America. Students may include their personal insights or draw contrasts and comparisons between the past and the current day as they explore this topic.

**Prizes** (Winners will be announced on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.)

1st Prize: \$300.00      2nd Prize \$200.00      3rd Prize: \$100.00

### High School Rules

- (1) An essay must be at least 500 words, which is approximately two typed, double-spaced pages. It must be the original work of the student without plagiarizing and without assistance with writing, editing, or rewriting. Assistance may be provided for research purposes only. Essays will be judged on accuracy, quality of writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation, citations, and the engaging presentation of the material.
- (2) Students should provide appropriate source material with either endnotes or footnotes. All quotations used will need a source, as well as any facts cited. The local website, [www.CoastalGeorgiasTime.com](http://www.CoastalGeorgiasTime.com), will provide a downloadable document with material that can be used for research and can be quoted in student papers. More points will be awarded when students follow a proper citation format, such as *The Chicago Manual of Style*.
- (3) All essays should have a title, centered at the top, with the byline of the student under the title. All other pages of the essay should be numbered at the bottom and show the student's name next to the page number.
- (4) On a separate page accompanying the essay or on the bottom of the last page of the essay, the student should provide his or her name, mailing address, phone number, school, grade, and a parent's email address. Students should then either type or hand write the following: "I, (print name), affirm that I am a citizen of the United States, a resident of the Third Senate District of Georgia, and the sole author of this paper. The Glynn County National Day of Prayer Executive Team has my permission to submit my paper for publication in any newspaper or magazine or blog or website with my byline." (Signature).

### Essay Deadline of May 16, 2018

All entries must be RECEIVED by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 16th. They can be mailed or dropped off to the following address: Senator William Ligon, 158 Scranton Connector, Brunswick, GA 31525. They can also be emailed to [william@senatorligon.com](mailto:william@senatorligon.com). For questions call: 912.242.2434.

*The National Day of Prayer Essay Contest is sponsored by Sen. William Ligon. Judges will be Gloria Burns, John Rivers, Sherena Arrington, and the Honorable Clint Day, former Georgia State Senator.*