

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

Essay Contest

National Day of Prayer

THEME

Part 1: Explain How the Tradition of the National Day of Prayer Began by Tracing Its Early Beginnings in American History until the Present Day

Part 2: Write a Proclamation Urging People to Seek God during this Pandemic

Prizes (Winners will be announced on the National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2020.)

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

High School Rules

- (1) An essay (Part 1) must be at least 500 words, but no more than 1000 words, approximately two to four typed, double-spaced pages. The Proclamation (Part 2) must be 250 words, but no more than 500 words, also typed and double-spaced. 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 only. Essays will be judged on accuracy, quality, spelling, grammar, punctuation, citations, and the engaging presentation of the material.
- (2) Students should provide appropriate source material for Part 1, with either endnotes or footnotes. All quotations used will need a source, as well as any facts cited. Students can see sample proclamations and find some helpful source material at www.CoastalGeorgiasTime.com, in the downloadable document. More points will be awarded when students use additional sources and follow the format of *The Chicago Manual of Style*.
- (3) All essays should have a title, centered at the top, with the name 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 and the proclamation, students should provide his or her name, mailing address, phone number, school, grade, and a parent's email address. Students should then type the following: "I, (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 and proclamation for publication in any newspaper or magazine or blog or website with my byline."

Essay Deadline is Monday, May 4th, 2020

All entries must be RECEIVED by 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 4th. They should be emailed to williamligon@comcast.net. For questions call: 912.242.2434.

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