as Mother's Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of that day; and

WHEREAS it is fitting that on that day we should acknowledge anew our gratitude, our love, and our reverence for our own mothers and for all mothers of our great Nation:

Mother's Day, 1956.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that Sunday, May 13, 1956, be observed as Mother's Day; and I direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag of the United States on all public buildings on that day.

I also call upon the people generally to give public and private expression to the esteem in which our country holds its mothers through the display of the flag at their homes or other suitable places, through prayers at their places of worship, and through appropriate manifestations of honor and devotion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this first day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eightieth.

[SEAL]

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

JOHN FOSTER DULLES,
Secretary of State.

PRAYER FOR PEACE, MEMORIAL DAY, 1956

May 15, 1956
[No. 3136]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS mankind throughout the ages has constantly sought for an enduring peace founded on mercy and justice; and

WHEREAS we are humbly aware that only through divine guidance can we find the course which we should follow to achieve permanent peace, and the strength and courage to pursue that course patiently and unceasingly until the goal is attained; and

WHEREAS it is eminently fitting that on May 30, Memorial Day, an anniversary devoted to the memory of our heroic dead who gave their lives in the cause of peace, we should turn to Almighty God in concerted prayer for wisdom in our striving for harmony among the nations of the world; and

WHEREAS in evidence of our longing for such harmony, the Congress provided, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, that Memorial Day should thenceforth be observed as a day of Nationwide prayer for permanent peace:

64 Stat. 158.

Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day, 1956.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the people of this Nation to observe Memorial Day, May 30, 1956, as a day on which all of us, in our churches, in our homes, and in our hearts, may beseech God to guide our steps into the paths leading to permanent peace; and I designate the hour beginning in each locality at eleven o'clock in the morning as a period in which we may unite in humble petition for His help in reaching that goal.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eightieth.

[SEAL]

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:
JOHN FOSTER DULLES,
Secretary of State.

FLAG DAY, 1956

June 1, 1956
[No. 3137]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it has become the custom of the people of the United States to set aside June 14 of each year for the commemoration of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as our national flag by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777; and

WHEREAS it is highly appropriate that on that day we should contemplate the meaning of this flag which we honor and cherish and under which we serve; and

WHEREAS this glorious emblem symbolizes the high resolution of our forebears that they would leave to posterity a Nation founded upon the principles of freedom and justice; and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the responsibilities and to enjoy the privileges inherent in our priceless heritage, it is fitting that we should rededicate ourselves on that commemorative day to the perpetuation of those lofty principles; and

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492), has formally designated June 14 as Flag Day and has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for the observance of that day:

Flag Day, 1956.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby direct that the flag of the United States be displayed on all Government buildings on Flag Day, Thursday, June 14, 1956, and I call upon the people to observe that day with special ceremonies designed to give expression to our love for our country's flag and our reverence for the ideals for which it stands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this first day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eightieth.

[SEAL]

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:
HERBERT HOOVER, Jr.,
Acting Secretary of State.