

Public Law 95-197  
95th Congress

Joint Resolution

To express the sense of the Congress that, in the light of history, the third Thursday in December 1977, would be a most appropriate day for designation as the "National Day of Prayer for the Year of 1977", and respectfully to request that the President, under the provisions of Public Law 82-324, issue a proclamation designating such date as a "National Day of Prayer for the Year 1977".

Nov. 21, 1977

[S.J. Res. 81]

Whereas the President is authorized under a provision of Federal law to proclaim a National Day of Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November (Public Law 77-379), and

5 USC 6103.

Whereas the President is authorized under a provision of Federal law to proclaim a National Day of Prayer on a day other than a Sunday (Public Law 82-324), and

36 USC 169h.

Whereas the third Thursday of December in the year 1977 marks the two hundredth anniversary of the first proclaimed Day of Thanksgiving by the Continental Congress, and

Whereas such a proclamation on this date has the support of the leaders and presidents of twelve national religious bodies in the United States, and

Whereas such date is already historic, patriotic, and sacred in the life of our country: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it is the sense of the Congress that, in the light of history, December 15, 1977 (such date being the third Thursday in December 1977) would be a most appropriate day for designation as the "National Day of Prayer for the Year 1977", and the President is hereby respectfully requested, under Public Law 82-324, to issue a proclamation designating such date as a "National Day of Prayer for the Year 1977", and calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups and organizations to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

National Day of  
Prayer for the  
Year 1977.  
Designation  
authorization.

Approved November 21, 1977.

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