A PROCLAMATION
(World Day of Prayer)

WHEREAS, it is the conviction of the United Council of Church Women, in fellowship with all those who seek the divine guidance of our Creator, that the many problems confronting us today can be solved only with the help of Almighty God; and

WHEREAS, World Day of Prayer has been designated on an international, interdenominational basis to join the peoples of the world together in furtherance of the doctrine "The Lord is Thy Keeper"; and

WHEREAS, in order for the church to fulfill its important role of exerting practical witness to the fact of God's purpose in human affairs, thereby advancing the international cause of peace on earth, it is necessary that we be ever mindful of the vast power of prayer in furthering His word and His work and in combating the forces of evil that surround us:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 24, 1950, as WORLD DAY OF PRAYER in the State of South Carolina, and call upon the people of our state to observe this day as an individual invitation to attend a specific World Day of Prayer meeting; and if the duties of some are such as to make this impossible, I urge them to pause in their work for one minute of prayer at High Noon, to ask that God give us light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to reunite us.

Given under my hand and seal this 22 day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor