

City Of Pella

Proclamation from the Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 9, 2020 AS A DAY OF PRAYER IN THE CITY OF PELLA

WHEREAS, Governor Kim Reynolds has declared Thursday, April 9, 2020, as a statewide day of prayer in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in conjunction with the 59th Annual Iowa Prayer Breakfast; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pella's values were founded and built upon a steadfast and abiding belief in God as reflected by the words that adorn our City seal to this day: God is ons een toevlucht en sterkte (God is our refuge and strength); and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, the City of Pella has united in prayer to humbly ask God for strength and steadfastness during times of difficulty; and

WHEREAS, prayer has sustained our City, providing peace and guidance in times of crisis and conflict, throughout many years; and

WHEREAS, presently the impacts of the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic are creating troubling times of unrest and worry; and

WHEREAS, it seems fitting that now, more than ever, we need to rally together to unite in prayer for the City of Pella, the State of Iowa, the Nation, and our leaders.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Don DeWaard, Mayor of the City of Pella, Iowa, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 9, 2020 as a Day of Prayer in the City of Pella.

FURTHERMORE, the citizens of Pella are urged to set aside 10 minutes during the noon hour on April 9, 2020 to pray specifically for the well-being of our fellow citizens, for the sustainability of our local businesses, for those who are working on the front lines in public safety or healthcare roles caring for individuals battling this virus, and for the safety of those in other states and nations who are affected by this pandemic.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2020.



Mayor Don DeWaard

