

# Reynolds proclaims Sunday day of prayer for flooding

On Friday, April 5, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds proclaimed Sunday, April 7, a day of prayer for the victims of extreme flooding that has hit primarily western Iowa and our neighbors in Nebraska and Missouri.

The proclamation originated with TFL's neighboring state ally, the Nebraska Family Alliance. On the west side of the flooded Missouri River, Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts has also designated Sunday, April 7, as a day of prayer for flood victims.

Following the Nebraska Family Alliance's suggestion, The FAMiLY LEADER contacted Gov. Reynolds, who quickly agreed to join with Gov. Ricketts in declaring a day of prayer.

In addition to prayer, the official proclamation calls on Iowans to donate "their time, skills, and resources to serve their neighbors within and alongside the many organizations providing disaster relief."

Iowa, and particularly its western counties, has seen widespread flooding after the snowmelt from blizzard conditions across the Midwest. According to a report from the Des Moines Register, 12 levees, including four in Iowa, have been breached by the historic floodwaters.

Gov. Reynolds' proclamation declares that, "Whereas prayer provides peace and guidance in times of crisis and conflict, and reminds us of the comforting assurance of God's love for us all ... it seems right and fitting that the citizens of Iowa are urged to pray for the well-being of our fellow citizens and our State, to pray for all those in other states who are hurt by this disaster, to pray for those who are working to respond to the crisis, and to pray for all recovery efforts."

Following the signing of the proclamation, Gov. Reynolds answered reporter questions about efforts to seek a long-term solution to the Missouri River levee system.

Several members of The FAMiLY LEADER staff were on hand for the signing and had the opportunity to pray with the governor after the signing.