## City of San Pablo

## Recognizing

## May 2, 2024 As NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, the 73rd observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, with the theme "LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD" based on 2 Samuel 22:29-3; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer has been part of our national heritage since it was declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, and the United States Congress in 1952 approved as a Joint Resolution "That the President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches (and other houses of worship), in groups, and as individuals", and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, in 1988 by Public Law 100-307, as amended, establishes, "An act to provide for setting aside the first Thursday in May as the date on which the National Day of Prayer is celebrated" by people of all faiths and religions; and

WHEREAS, leaders and residents of our communities, cities, states and nation are invited to join in prayer, if they so choose, seeking divine guidance, strength, protection and comfort from their God; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the love of God, we, the people of faith dwelling in San Pablo, treasure the freedom to gather in prayer, exercising reliance on God's power in the face of present challenges and dangers, asking for continued blessing on all in our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia Ponce, Mayor of the City of San Pablo, do hereby proclaim, May 2, 2024, as a DAY OF PRAYER throughout the City of San Pablo, and I commend this observance to all of our houses of worship.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Pablo to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

Patricia Ponce, Mayor