

Proclamation.

Whereas it becomes us humbly to approach
 the throne of Almighty God with gratitude and prayer
 for the wonders which his goodness has wrought
 in conducting our forefathers to this western
 world, for his protection to them and to their
 posterity, amid difficulties and dangers; For
 raising us ^{their children} from deep distress to be numbered
 among the nations of the earth; And for arming
 the hands of just and mighty Princes in our
 deliverance; And especially for that he hath
 been pleased to grant us the enjoyments of health
 and so to order the revolving seasons that the
 earth hath produced her increase in abundance
 blessing the labours of the husbandman, and
 spreading plenty through the land; That he
 hath prospered our arms and those of our
 Ally; been a shield to ~~our~~ troops in the hour
 of danger; pointed their swords to victory, and
 led them in triumph over the bulwarks
 of the foe; That he ^{hath} gone with those who went out
 into the wilderness against the savage tribes;
 That he hath stayed the hand of the spoiler, and
 turned back his meditated destruction; That he
 hath

hath prospered our commerce and given success to those
who fought the enemy on the face of the deep, and
above all, that he hath diffused the glorious light
of the gospel, whereby through the merits of our
gracious redeemer we may become the heirs of his
eternal glory, Therefore -

Resolved,

That it be recommended
to the several States, to appoint Thursday, the
ninth day of December next to be a day of public
and solemn thanksgiving to almighty God for
his mercies; And by prayer for the continuance
of his favour and protection to these United States.
To beseech him that he would graciously be plea-
sed to influence our public councils, and bless them
with wisdom from on high, with unanimity,
firmness and success; That he would go forth
with our hosts, and crown our arms with victory;
That he would grant to his church, the plene-
tiful effusions of divine grace, and pour out
his holy spirit on all ministers of the Gospel;
That he would bless and prosper the means of
education and spread the light of christian
knowledge through the remotest corners of
the earth; That he would smile upon the
labours of his people and cause the earth to
bring forth her fruits in abundance, that we
may with gratitude and gladness, enjoy them
That

That he would take into his holy protection,
 our illustrious Ally, give him victory over
 his enemies, and render him signally great
 as the father of his people and the protector
 of the rights of mankind; That he would
 graciously be pleased to turn the hearts of
 our enemies, and dispense the blessings of
 peace to contending nations; That he would
 in mercy look down upon us, pardon all
 our sins and receive us into his favour; And
 finally, that he would establish the
 independance of these United States upon
 the basis of religion and virtue, and support
 and protect them in the enjoyments of
 peace, liberty and safety —

Done in Congress the twentieth
 Day of October in the year of
 our Lord one thousand, seven
 hundred and seventy nine, and
 in the fourth year of the inde-
 pendance of the United States
 of America. —

Attest

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Sam^l Huntington President

Two manifestos

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