

[PROCLAMATION NO. 1555, July 11, 2008]

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 12, 2008 AS A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION OF OUR NATION

WHEREAS, the promotion of peace and unity among the Filipino people remains to be one of the highest goals of the government;

WHEREAS, this goal has all too often lost its relevance in our nation, which is beset by hostility, bitterness, constant conflict, and too much politics;

WHEREAS, our country is facing several challenges, which require the steadfast devotion of every Filipino to work for the common good and for the betterment of our country;

WHEREAS, a day of prayer for peace and reconciliation may serve to promote the attainment of our national goals;

WHEREAS, in order to make reaffirmation of our commitment to promote the attainment of this goal, through personal reflection, change in attitudes, and solidarity for the public welfare and the development of our country, September 12 of last year had been declared as a **National Day of Prayer, Reparation and Consecration of our Nation**;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare September 12, 2008 as a **National Day of Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation of our Nation**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 11th day of July in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

(Sgd.) GLORIA M. ARROYO

By the President:

(Sgd.) EDUARDO R. ERMITA
Executive Secretary
