

America – A Christian Country

Declaration of Independence

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” (Thomas Jefferson 1776)

National Motto – “In God We Trust”

Pledge of Allegiance – “One nation, under God...” (Francis Bellamy 1892)

National Anthem - Star Spangled Banner “And this be our motto; In God is our trust...” (Francis Scott Key 1814)

America the Beautiful – “*God shed His grace on Thee...*” (Katharin Lee Bates 1895)

“God save the United States and this Honorable Court.” (Proclamation opening every Supreme Court proceeding)

In all 50 states, **God** was mentioned in their Constitution and/or Preamble. Most states also required a religious test (Christianity) for anyone wanting to hold an office.

The Emancipation Proclamation featured in the National Archives “Gracious favor of Almighty God”

On the Lincoln Memorial are etched the words of the Gettysburg Address (“This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom”) and his Second Inaugural Address (“With firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right,”) which are replete with references to God.

Inscribed on Jefferson Memorial’s Dome - “I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.” There are other references to God in the memorial.

On the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery is inscribed, “Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God”

The House Chamber of the U.S. Capitol contains the National Motto “In God we trust”

Inscribed in the Senate Chamber of the U.S. Capitol are the phrase “Annuit coeptis” (translated “God has favored our undertakings”) and the National Motto “In God we trust”

The south frieze of the U.S. Supreme Court Courtroom depicts Moses holding the Ten Commandments

The east facade of the outside of the Supreme Court shows Moses holding the Ten Commandments

Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States, 143 U.S. 457 (1892), where the Supreme Court declared that “***This is a Christian nation***”

Words of Our Founding Fathers

“The liberty enjoyed by the people of these states of worshiping Almighty God agreeably to their conscience, is not only among the choicest of their blessings, but also of their rights” George Washington 1789

“I’ve lived Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing Proofs I see of this Truth - That God governs in the Affairs of Men” Benjamin Franklin

*“I tremble for my country when I reflect that **God** is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever”* Jefferson 1781

“O most Glorious God, in Jesus Christ my merciful and loving father, I acknowledge and confess my guilt, in the weak and imperfect performance of the duties of this day”
George Washington 1752

“I thank God that I have lived to see my country independent and free. She may long enjoy her independence and freedom if she will. It depends on her virtue”

Samuel Adams 1776

“The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time” Thomas Jefferson 1774

“Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!” Patrick Henry 1775

“The interposition of Divine Providence in our Favour hath been most abundantly and most graciously manifested, and the Citizens of these United States have every Reason for Praise and Gratitude to the God of their Salvation” John Hancock 1783

“I now believe that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God Himself” John Adams 1813

“The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next.” John Jay 1784

This list is in no way comprehensive. There are literally tens of thousands of documents verifying our Founding Fathers' faith in God and the Bible ~

References:

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