

THE REVERENCE FOR
GOD OF OUR FOUNDING
FATHERS COUPLED WITH THE
PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY
ESTABLISHED IN THE HOLY BIBLE
HAVE PROVIDED THE BASIS
UPON WHICH THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS BEEN FOUNDED.

THE DECLARATIONS LISTED IN
THIS PAMPHLET OFFER ELOQUENT
TESTIMONY TO THIS FACT. 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Words "under God" adopted by Congress, June 14, 1954

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

NATIONAL MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Joint resolution adopted by Congress: July 20, 1956

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

Giving God His rightful place in the national life of this country has provided a rich heritage for all its citizens. Yet, wonderful as the benefits of that heritage may be, a true relationship to God is not a matter of national declaration but rather the personal responsibility of each individual citizen. Salvation is a personal matter.

The same Bible that provides the glorious principles of liberty for this country also declares: "There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." Furthermore, the Bible goes on to promise that "as many as received him [Jesus Christ] to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

Thus, the really important question concerns your personal relationship to God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Where do you stand on this vital issue? Your own future depends upon your answer and, in large measure, so does the future of your country.

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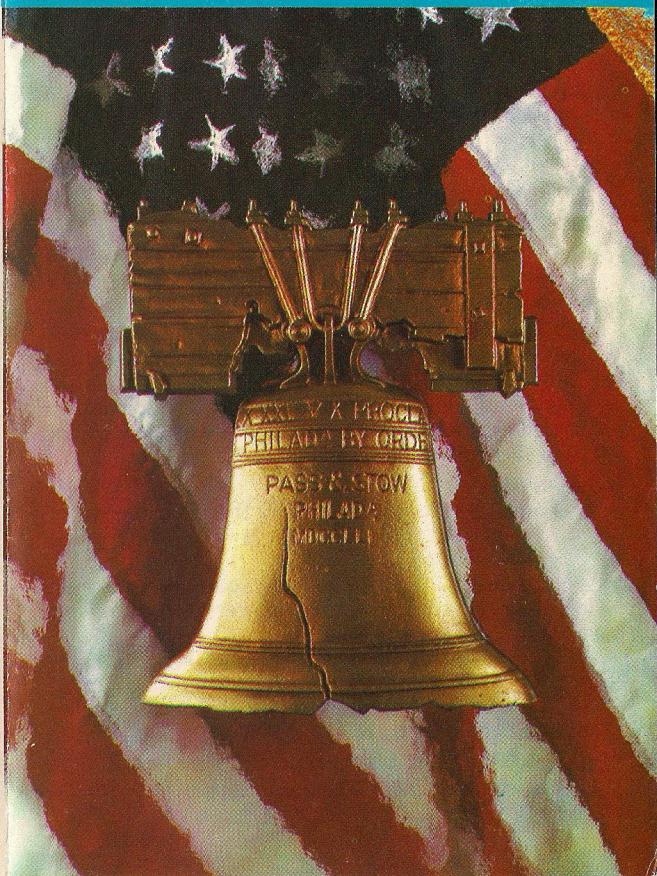
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ONE NATION UNDER GOD



MAYFLOWER COMPACT

1620

"In the name of God, Amen, Having undertaken for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith . . . do . . . solemnly and mutually in the presence of God covenant and combine ourselves together . . ."

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW ENGLAND CONFEDERATION 1643

"Whereas we all came into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, namely to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the Liberties of the Gospel in purity with peace."

WILLIAM PENN

1681

"If you are not governed by God, you will be ruled by tyrants."

LIBERTY BELL

1752

"Leviticus 25:10 Proclaim Liberty thru all the land and to all the inhabitants thereof."

SAMUEL ADAMS

1772

"The rights of the Colonists as Christians . . . may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institution of the great Law Giver and Head of the Christian Church, which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament."

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

1776

Four specific references to the dependence of our nation on God: ". . . the laws of Nature and of Nature's God . . ."

". . . that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights . . ."

". . . appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions . . ."

". . . with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence . . ."

THE AMERICAN SEAL Congress approved on June 20, 1782

On every dollar bill the seal is pictured with the

"Eye of God" directly above the pyramid. The words "Annuit Coeptis" signifying "He [God] has favored our undertaking."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

1787

"Here is my creed. I believe in one God, the creator of the Universe. That he governs it by his Providence. That he ought to be worshipped." In Constitutional Framing Convention making a motion for prayer: "I have 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. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?"

ALEXANDER HAMILTON

1787

Soon after the Constitutional Convention:

"For my own part, I sincerely esteem it a system which without the finger of God, never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests."

GEORGE WASHINGTON Thanksgiving Day Proclamation in 1789

"Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection, aid and favors . . . Now, therefore, do I assign and recommend Thursday, the 26th day of November next, . . . that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us."

DANIEL WEBSTER

Plymouth, Mass. 1820

". . . More than all, a government and a country were to commence, with the very first foundations laid under the divine light of the Christian religion. . . Who would wish that his country's existence had otherwise begun?" "Let us not forget the religious character of our origin."

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

July 4, 1821

"From the day of the Declaration . . . They, [the American people] were bound by the laws of God, which they all, and by the laws of the Gospel, which they nearly all, acknowledged as the rules of their conduct."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

1861

Farewell words in Springfield, Illinois on February 11:

"Unless the great God who assisted him [Washington] shall be with me and aid me, I must fail; but if the same omniscient mind and mighty arm that directed and protected him shall guide and support me, I shall not fail — I shall succeed. Let us all pray that the God of our fathers may not forsake us now."

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

1863

". . . that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

U.S. SUPREME COURT

1892

Supreme Court Justice Brewer, delivering the opinion of the Court (143 U.S. 457), stated: "These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation."

WOODROW WILSON

July 4, 1913

"Here is the nation God has builded by our hands."

NATIONAL ANTHEM Adopted by Congress, March 3, 1931

The Star Spangled Banner closes:

"Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just And this be our motto — 'In God is our Trust.'"