

Prayer Guide

THE LEGACY OF AMERICA

Declarations for
the Destiny of the Nation

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PSALM 132

Lord, remember David
And all his afflictions;
² How he swore to the Lord,
And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:
³ “Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house,
Or go up to the comfort of my bed;
⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes
Or slumber to my eyelids,
⁵ Until I find a place for the Lord,
A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”
⁶ Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
We found it in the fields of the woods.
⁷ Let us go into His tabernacle;
Let us worship at His footstool.
⁸ Arise, O Lord, to Your resting place,
You and the ark of Your strength.
⁹ Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness,
And let Your saints shout for joy.
¹⁰ For Your servant David’s sake,
Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed.
¹¹ The Lord has sworn *in* truth to David;
He will not turn from it:
“I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.
¹² If your sons will keep My covenant
And My testimony which I shall teach them,
Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore.”
¹³ For the Lord has chosen Zion;
He has desired *it* for His dwelling place:
¹⁴ “This *is* My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provision;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
¹⁶ I will also clothe her priests with salvation,
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
¹⁷ There I will make the horn of David grow;
I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed.
¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with shame,
But upon Himself His crown shall flourish.”

In Honor:

On October 12, 1565, Jean Ribault, through a massive hurricane and shipwreck, landed on American soil only to be met by Spanish Conquistadors. Refusing to give up his faith, he declared Psalm 132 from memory before being impaled. As one of the first martyrs on American soil, his declaration is a prophetic message to our nation. We dedicate this prayer focus book to America as a reminder of its Godly foundations, and prophetic destiny.

Purpose

On the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim's landing in America, we dedicate this booklet to our country's Godly heritage. Hewn in the battle scars of centuries, its unrelenting, God-inspired nature is woven in the fabric of these documents. The purpose of this publication is to be a reminder of the rich heritage deeply rooted in the foundations of our nation.

Declarations for the Destiny of America

Psalm 132

Calling upon God to remember America's Godly roots, though embattled, we speak life into them. Many of these points can be prayed for at the personal or corporate level, for your city, government at all levels, and the wider body of Christ. May this Psalm inspire our hearts to pray, remember and be thankful for the Godly heritage of our nation.

Lord, we humble ourselves today realizing our nation is in need of you. Remember us in all our afflictions.

- Ps 132:1; *Lord, remember David and all his afflictions-*
 - Where there are afflictions, we call for reconciliation and healing.
 - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:17-19*
 - Where there has been despair, we speak hope
 - *Out of the Valley of Achor (trouble) is a door of hope Hosea 2:15*
 - Where there is darkness and every kind of evil, we call forth light
 - *Arise shine; for your light has come. And the glory of the Lord is rise upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you and His glory will be seen upon you. Is 60:1-2*
 - When we have lost our way, we call for clarity and vision
 - *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Rom 12:2*
 - Where there is sin, we call for conviction of the Holy Spirit that leads to forgiveness and life
 - *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Tim 3:16*
 - *For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 2 Cor 7:10*
 - *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Rom 8:1*
 - Where there is unforgiveness, we choose to forgive and release its grip on our hearts leaving the offense at your feet.
 - *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Eph 4:31-32*

- *Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rom 12:17-21*
- Where there is complacency, we call for an awakening
 - *See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit. Eph 5:15-18*

Awaken us. Give us a restless spirit that does not relent in pursuing you, even in the watches of the night.

- Psalm 132:2-5 *How he swore to the Lord, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the Lord, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.*
 - Where there is weariness, we call for a renewing of strength
 - *Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Is 40:28-31*
 - Where there is lack of understanding of the night watch, we call for the release of revelation of its power
 - *For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. Psalms 90:4*
 - *Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It takes on form like clay under a seal, and stands out like a garment. **From the wicked their light is withheld**, and the upraised arm is broken. Job 38:12-15*
 - Other key events on the night watch:
 - Jacob wrestled with God and met Him face to face before receiving his full identity and name as Israel. Genesis 32:22-31
 - Moses led the Israelites across the Red Sea. Exodus 14:25-26
 - Gideon defeated the Midianites (middle watch). Judges 7:19-24
 - The angels appear to the shepherds in the field to announce the birth of the savior. Luke 2:8-14
 - Jesus walks on water to meet the disciples; Mt. 14:25
 - Jesus is resurrected from the dead. Matthew 28:1

- The bridegroom woos His bride in the night hours. Song of Solomon 3:1, Matthew 25:1-13
- Where slumber has kept the Church asleep, we declare the watch of the night will awaken the Church and night watches shall erupt from city to city across America!
 - *Blessed are those servants whom the master when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come in and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.* Luke 12:37
 - *But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.* Luke 12:39.

Help us to be mindful and remember Your mighty hand on our nation and be thankful for all you have done for us.

- Ps 132: 6-7 *Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah (refers to the anointing of David, son of Jesse, an Ephrathite, 1 Sam 17:12); we found it in the fields of the woods. Let us go into His tabernacle; let us worship at His footstool.*
 - Where we have forgotten Your goodness towards us individually and as a nation, remind us of the mighty deeds You have done on our behalf that we can give thanks go you.
 - *Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a **book of remembrance** was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. “They shall be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.” Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.* Mal 4:16-18
 - Where adversity, conflict, accusation, and affliction have hardened our hearts, we declare freedom in Christ, and release of worship in Spirit and Truth
 - *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.* John 4:23
 - Where offense would keep us from entering Your Presence, we choose to forgive and live in an overcoming spirit
 - *Love has been perfected among us in this that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.* John 4:17

We declare America will be a “Resting place” for the Lord through righteous alignment in our laws and the body of Christ ignited in prayer, worship and mobilized in God-given courage and purpose.

- Ps 132: 8-9 *Arise, O Lord, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your saints shout for joy.*
 - Where unrighteous thoughts and patterns of life have infiltrated our mindset, we align ourselves with Your word.

- *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Tim 3:16*
- Where there has been death, we speak life
 - *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. John 16:33*
 - *I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live. Deut 30:19*
- Where offense has kept us separated from one another, we choose to encourage and build one another up.
 - *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb 10:24-25*
- Where sorrow has engulfed us, we declare joy
 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Eph 5:22-23*
 - *Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Neh 8:10*

Give us teachable spirits that we might pass the Truth of your Word from generation to generation. We declare Your covenant plan for America will be established:

- Ps 132:10-12 *For Your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of Your Anointed. The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body. If your sons will keep My covenant and My testimony which I shall teach them, their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore."*
 - Where hearts have been hardened against your word and covenant, a broken and contrite heart you will not despise.
 - *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart--- these, O God, You will not despise. Ps 51:17*
 - Where we have fallen away from your Truth, we choose to realign with your Word
 - *Sanctify them in the truth. Your Word is truth. John 17:17*
 - Where there is breakdown in family and God's covenant plans, we speak healing and restoration
 - *Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep His commandments. Deut. 7:9*
 - Where we have failed to live up to your Word, we call for renewal and reconciliation to Your covenant through Jesus Christ.
 - *For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. Hebrews 9:15*

- Where there has been lack of provision or fruit in lives and ministries, we call forth fruit; even more so, fruit that will last.
 - *No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. Heb 15:15-16*

We declare America will be a resting place that God will bless

- Ps 132:13-15 *For the Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His dwelling place: "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread."*
 - Where Godly desire has been quenched through distractions and disruptions, God will renew us and draw us close to Him
 - *One thing I have desired of the Lord that will I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore, I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord. Ps 27:4-6*
 - Where there is darkness and every kind of evil, Your light will shine and bring salvation
 - *Arise shine; for your light has come. And the glory of the Lord is rise upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you and His glory will be seen upon you. Is 60:1-2*
 - Where there is complacency, we call for an awakening
 - *See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit. Eph 5:15-18*
 - Where there has been poor stewardship of our resources, creativity, businesses, we call for your plans to prosper us so the seed can multiply.
 - *Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you. 2 Tim 1:14*
 - *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jer 29:11*
 - Where there is need of solutions and invention, we call for creative strategies that bring blessing to America and its people
 - *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not human masters. Col 3:23*
 - *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which He prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:10*

- *And He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver, and bronze. Ex 35:31-32*

We declare America will align with Israel and restore of the foundational identity of the Church to be a House of Prayer for all Nations

- Ps 132:17a: *There I will make the horn of David grow;*
 - Our government and its policies will align with and bless Israel
 - *I will bless those who bless you. Gen 12:3*
 - *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you. Ps 122:6*
- Ps 132:17b *I will prepare a lamp for My anointed.*
 - Our elected officials will be a light for Israel and aligned with biblical standards
 - *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Mt 5:14-26*
 - Where our desires and distractions have caused us to neglect prayer we repent and cry out for a spirit of intercession and increased desire to know You.
 - *And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication Zech 12:10*
 - *A broken and contrite heart, you will not despise. Ps 51:17*
 - Where there is lack of corporate prayer, we declare the altars of worship, communities of prayer will be raised up across our nation.
 - *On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old. Amos 9:11*
 - *My house will be a House of Prayer for All Nations, Is. 56:7; Mt 21:13*
 - Where we have inadvertently misaligned ourselves or have become weary, we cry, “Pour out your Spirit,” that we may be renewed and re-aligned with your Spirit
 - *And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. Joel 2:28-29*
 - Where the Church has denied or neglected its priestly role, we call for the priesthood of believers
 - *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9*
 - *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet andn peacable life in all godliness and reverence. 1 Tim 2:1-2*

- Where the church is living underneath its calling and destiny, we call forth the fullness of the Gentile Church
 - *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. Rom 11:25*

As we stand for righteousness, we trust in You to deal with our enemies and You will be exalted

- Ps 132:18 *His enemies I will cloth with shame, but upon Himself His crown shall flourish.*
 - Where unrighteousness has plowed its way into the fabric of our nation, we call for righteous re-alignment
 - *I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. Romans 6:19*
 - *Let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth. Ps 67:4*
 - Where there has been unwarranted criticism and curses towards you, your family, leaders, legislators, President, nation we speak life and blessing
 - *But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. Mt 5:44-45*
 - Where there is law in the land that exalts itself above God's law, we call forth strategy to re-align the law and call it back into righteousness
 - *The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable. Is 42:21*
 - Where there has been lawlessness, we call for conviction, repentance, and alignment with God's law
 - *I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. Romans 6:19*
 - Where lawlessness abounds, we stand on the great commandments to love God and one another.
 - *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. Mt 24:12*
 - *Jesus said to him, "‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ **On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**" Mt. 22:37-40*

Native American Blessing “Forgiveness Prayer”

“We the people, the Host people of this Great Nation and the original lovers of this land, stand united with one heart and mind to bring the power of forgiveness to bear. As the Host People of Turtle Island, we forgive every atrocity and broken covenant ever designed to destroy us as a race of people. We break every curse, and renounce every lie, purposed to decimate us as human beings. We forgive the government, the Church, and the educational system for the use of residential schools that attempted to destroy our culture and silence our voice as people by stealing our language.

We stand in the gap for those who are unable or unwilling to forgive, and call upon the Master of Life, to forgive us for harboring un-forgiveness, resentment, hatred, bitterness and rage; We repent of every curse spoken over America by our ancestors and we release the power of forgiveness to bring healing and the peace of Creator God to this land.

We declare and decree that our voice will no longer be silenced and that this nation and the world will hear our voice as we speak life and blessings over the Americas and the world.

We stand in faith believing that our citizenship lies in heaven, and we too, all await the return of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Being all of one mind and heart, having compassion for one another, we declare our love as brothers; not returning evil for the evil perpetuated against us, but on the contrary we choose to release a blessing, knowing that the Father of us all has called us as his children to bless and not curse, that we may inherit a blessing.

Amen.”

First released by 22 people to the four directions on the national mall in Washington, DC on February 5, 2016

Official release to the nation on October 21, 2016 at “All Tribes DC” on the NW quadrant of the National Monument.

THE SLEEPING GIANT
Billy Graham to Native Americans
Albuquerque Hilton Inn, 1975
Albuquerque, NM

“You as an Indian are a sleeping giant. As evangelical Indians are a sleeping giant, you are now awakening. The original American could turn around and be the evangelist to win other Americans to Christ. Just around the corner you may become a spiritual super-power that could change not only America, but the world.”

Mayflower Compact

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King *James*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, *Defender of the Faith, &c.* Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the northern Parts of *Virginia*; Do by these Presents, solemnly and mutually, in the Presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid: And by Virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Officers, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general Good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due Submission and Obedience. **IN WITNESS** whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at *Cape-Cod* the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *James*, of *England, France, and Ireland*, the eighteenth, and of *Scotland* the fifty-fourth, *Anno Domini*; 1620¹

Declaration of Independence²

In Congress, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains

¹ "Mayflower Compact" Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mayflower_Compact

² "Declaration of Independence" America's Founding Documents, <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>

them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection

between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Signers:

Georgia

Button Gwinnett

Lyman Hall

George Walton

North Carolina

William Hooper

Joseph Hewes

John Penn

South Carolina

Edward Rutledge

Thomas Heyward, Jr.

Thomas Lynch, Jr.

Arthur Middleton

Massachusetts

John Hancock

Maryland

Samuel Chase

William Paca

Thomas Stone

Charles Carroll of
Carrollton

Virginia

George Wythe

Richard Henry Lee

Thomas Jefferson

Benjamin Harrison

Cont.:

Thomas Nelson, Jr.

Francis Lightfoot Lee

Carter Braxton

Pennsylvania

Robert Morris

Benjamin Rush

Benjamin Franklin

John Morton

George Clymer

James Smith

George Taylor

James Wilson

George Ross

Delaware

Caesar Rodney

George Read

Thomas McKean

New York

William Floyd

Philip Livingston

Francis Lewis

Lewis Morris

New Jersey

Richard Stockton

John Witherspoon

Cont.

Francis Hopkinson

John Hart

Abraham Clark

New Hampshire

Josiah Bartlett

William Whipple

Massachusetts

Samuel Adams

John Adams

Robert Treat Paine

Elbridge Gerry

Rhode Island

Stephen Hopkins

William Ellery

Connecticut

Roger Sherman

Samuel Huntington

William Williams

Oliver Wolcott

New Hampshire

Matthew Thornton

Preamble to the Constitution

*We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*³

Emancipation Proclamation

January 1, 1863

By the President of the United States of America:

A Proclamation.

Whereas, on the twenty-second day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, a proclamation was issued by the President of the United States, containing, among other things, the following, to wit:

“That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom.

“That the Executive will, on the first day of January aforesaid, by proclamation, designate the States and parts of States, if any, in which the people thereof, respectively, shall then be in rebellion against the United States; and the fact that any State, or the people thereof, shall on that day be, in good faith, represented in the Congress of the United States by members chosen thereto at elections wherein a majority of the qualified voters of such State shall have participated, shall, in the absence of strong countervailing testimony, be deemed conclusive evidence that such State, and the people thereof, are not then in rebellion against the United States.”

Now, therefore I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, by virtue of the power in me vested as Commander-in-Chief, of the Army and Navy of the United States in time of actual armed rebellion against the authority and government of the United States, and as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion, do, on this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in accordance with my purpose so to do publicly proclaimed for the full period of one

³ The Constitution of the United States, National Archives, <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution>

hundred days, from the day first above mentioned, order and designate as the States and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively, are this day in rebellion against the United States, the following, to wit:

Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, (except the Parishes of St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James Ascension, Assumption, Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. Mary, St. Martin, and Orleans, including the City of New Orleans) Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, (except the forty-eight counties designated as West Virginia, and also the counties of Berkley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, York, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth[]), and which excepted parts, are for the present, left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued.

And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons.

And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defence; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.

And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable condition, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service.

And upon this act, sincerely believed to be an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity, I invoke the considerate judgment of mankind, and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-seventh.

By the President: ABRAHAM LINCOLN
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

Gettysburg Address
November 19, 1863
Gettysburg, VA

There are five known copies of the speech in Lincoln's handwriting, each with a slightly different text, and named for the people who first received them: Nicolay, Hay, Everett, Bancroft and Bliss. Two copies apparently were written before delivering the speech, one of which probably was the reading copy. The remaining ones were produced months later for soldier benefit events. Despite widely-circulated stories to the contrary, the president did not dash off a copy aboard a train to Gettysburg. Lincoln carefully prepared his major speeches in advance; his steady, even script in every manuscript is consistent with a firm writing surface, not the notoriously bumpy Civil War-era trains. Additional versions of the speech appeared in newspapers of the era, feeding modern-day confusion about the authoritative text.

The most often reproduced text:

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate -- we cannot consecrate -- we cannot hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.” Abraham Lincoln, November 19, 1863⁴

Presidential Oath of Office

I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.⁵

(The expressed powers of the president are detailed in Article 2 of the United States Constitution.)

⁴ “The Gettysburg Address,” <http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/gettysburg.htm>

⁵ “The Oaths of Office for President, Vice-President, Judges and Congress,” <https://www.thoughtco.com/oaths-of-office-for-federal-officials-3368324>

Under the Constitution, the president may command military forces, convene or adjourn Congress, veto laws, ask his cabinet members to submit their opinions in writing, grant pardons and select United States ambassadors. In addition to expressed powers, the president also has implied powers. These are powers that are not explicitly stated within the Constitution but still fall within the president's role. Because these powers are not specifically outlined, president's have interpreted them differently throughout the years. The president also is granted the right to make decisions in times of great urgency. These are known as emergency powers. Similarly, Article 1 of the United States Constitution outlines the powers of Congress and Article 3 outlines those of the judicial branch. Powers not enumerated to one of the three primary branches of government default to the individual states. In this way, the U.S. is able to operate a checks and balances system of government that prevents one arm of the government from being able to exercise too much power over the others.⁶⁾

Vice President's Oath of Office"

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.^{7"}

US Congress:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.^{8"}

US Supreme Court

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.^{9"}

⁶ "What are the Expressed Powers of the President?" Reference, <https://www.reference.com/history/expressed-powers-president-ff7f6bf66f29ae9d?qo=contentSimilarQuestions>

⁷ "The Oaths of Office for President, Vice-President, Judges and Congress,"

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

Military Oaths

Current oath of enlistment and commissioned officers in the military

“I, (state name of enlistee), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.¹⁰”

For listing of historical oaths go to “Oaths of Enlistment and Oaths of Office,” The US Army center of military history: <https://history.army.mil/html/faq/oaths.html>

National Guard:

I, (state name of enlistee), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the [Constitution of the United States](#) and of the State of (applicable state) against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to them; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of (applicable state) and the orders of the [officers](#) appointed over me, according to law and regulations. So help me God.¹¹

Navy Seal Creed/Ethos

The Creed

"In times of war or uncertainty there is a special breed of warrior ready to answer our Nation's call. A common man with uncommon desire to succeed. Forged by adversity, he stands alongside America's finest special operations forces to serve his country, the American people, and protect their way of life. I am that man.

My Trident is a symbol of honor and heritage. Bestowed upon me by the heroes that have gone before, it embodies the trust of those I have sworn to protect. By wearing the Trident I accept the responsibility of my chosen profession and way of life. It is a privilege that I must earn every day.

My loyalty to Country and Team is beyond reproach. I humbly serve as a guardian to my fellow Americans always ready to defend those who are unable to defend themselves. I do not advertise the nature of my work, nor seek recognition for my actions. I voluntarily accept the inherent hazards of my profession, placing the welfare and security of others before my own.

I serve with honor on and off the battlefield. The ability to control my emotions and my actions, regardless of circumstance, sets me apart from other men. Uncompromising integrity is my standard. My character and honor are steadfast. My word is my bond.

¹⁰ Oaths of enlistment and Oaths of Office <https://history.army.mil/html/faq/oaths.html>

¹¹ United States Armed Forces oath of enlistment:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Armed_Forces_oath_of_enlistment

We expect to lead and be led. In the absence of orders I will take charge, lead my teammates and accomplish the mission. I lead by example in all situations.

I will never quit. I persevere and thrive on adversity. My Nation expects me to be physically harder and mentally stronger than my enemies. **If knocked down, I will get back up, every time.** I will draw on every remaining ounce of strength to protect my teammates and to accomplish our mission. I am never out of the fight.

We demand discipline. We expect innovation. **The lives of my teammates and the success of our mission depend on me** - my technical skill, tactical proficiency, and attention to detail. My training is never complete.

We train for war and fight to win. I stand ready to bring the full spectrum of combat power to bear in order to achieve my mission and the goals established by my country. The execution of my duties will be swift and violent when required yet guided by the very principles that I serve to defend.

Brave men have fought and died building the proud tradition and feared reputation that I am bound to uphold. **In the worst of conditions, the legacy of my teammates steadies my resolve and silently guides my every deed.** I will not fail.^{12"}

US Army Special Forces Creed (SOCOM):

- I am an American Special Forces Soldier!
- I will do all that my nation requires of me. I am a volunteer, knowing well the hazards of my profession.
- I serve with the memory of those who have gone before me. I pledge to uphold the honor and integrity of their legacy in all that I am - in all that I do.
- I am a warrior. I will teach and fight whenever and wherever my nation requires. I will strive always to excel in every art and artifice of war.
- I know that I will be called upon to perform tasks in isolation, far from familiar faces and voices. With the help and guidance of my faith, I will conquer my fears and succeed.
- I will keep my mind and body clean, alert and strong. I will maintain my arms and equipment in an immaculate state befitting a Special Forces Soldier, for this is my debt to those who depend upon me.
- I will not fail those with whom I serve. I will not bring shame upon myself or Special Forces.

¹² Sam Parker, US Navy SEAL Creed, Inspire Your People; <https://www.inspireyourpeople.com/blog/us-navy-seal-creed/>

- I will never leave a fallen comrade. I will never surrender though I am the last. If I am taken, I pray that I have the strength to defy my enemy.
- I am a member of my Nation's chosen soldiery, I serve quietly, not seeking recognition or accolades. My goal is to succeed in my mission - and live to succeed again.
- De Oppresso Liber¹³

These are the two main creeds known for soldiers serving in the Navy SEALs, Army Rangers, Green Berets, Delta Force. For more information on various special ops go to: Creed and Mottos of Special Operations Command (SOCOM) <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/creed-and-mottos-of-the-special-operations-command-socom-4108507>

Unique History of American Heritage History that depicts God's hand on America

The Declaration of Independence: On July 4, 1776, fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence, establishing America's freedom from the largest empire in the world. Against all odds, the war that followed set into place the birth of one of the greatest nations in history.

The Constitution: If you thought Ben Franklin and the founding fathers came up with the Constitution by themselves, you would be wrong. They actually modeled it after the Constitution of the Iroquois confederacy of Native-American tribes.¹⁴

- The Iroquois influence came from the Albany Congress between June 19 and July 9, 1754. At the meeting, representatives of the six Indian nations and seven colonies heard Benjamin Franklin champion the Iroquois example as he presented his Albany Plan of Union. "It would be a strange thing," Franklin told the assembly, "if six nations of ignorant savages should be capable of forming such a union, and yet it has subsisted for ages and appears indissoluble, and yet a like union should be impractical for 10 or a dozen English colonies."¹⁵
- **Prayer and the Constitution:** About five weeks into the Constitutional Convention of 1787 when they were attempting to draft the U. S. Constitution, were a signal failure. As things were beginning to break up and everyone planned to return home to their states, Franklin challenged them and called them to 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? We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings, that "except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it."*

¹³ "Special Forces Creed," United States Army Special Operations Command; <https://www.soc.mil/USASFC/SFcreed.html>

¹⁴ Tamara Gane, "50 Facts about American History that Most American do not Know;" <https://www.rd.com/culture/america-fascinating-facts/>

¹⁵ "Iroquois constitution: A forerunner to colonists' democratic principles." New York Times, June 28, 1987; <https://www.nytimes.com/1987/06/28/us/iroquois-constitution-a-forerunner-to-colonists-democratic-principles.html>

I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel...I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business.” After five weeks of failure, following the recess and time of prayer, they reconvened and in only ten weeks produced the document that has become the longest on-going Constitution in the history of the world.¹⁶

- Jacob Shallus, son of German immigrants, hand wrote the Constitution. He dutifully accepted the project on a short deadline. With quill and parchment, Shallus penned over 4,000 words in one weekend.¹⁷ After much prayer and deliberation, the longest on-going Constitution in the world, was written.

The Medal of Honor: Of the 40 million Americans who have served in our armed forces since the Continental Army was formed in 1775, fewer than 3,500 men and one woman have received the Medal of Honor. It was instituted by Congress in 1861 as a medal for individual valor and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln. From the beginning of World War II until now, fewer than 900 men have received the medal. Only 103 recipients are still alive.

Sadly, since World War II most of the awards — more than 60%— have been presented posthumously. For example, 15 sailors earned the Medal of Honor during the Pearl Harbor attack, but only five survived it. In another example, of the 238 men who earned Medals in the Vietnam War, 63 sacrificed their lives by absorbing the blasts of grenades or land mines to protect the men around them.

In 1963, Congress established the current set of guidelines under which the Medal of Honor can be awarded:

- While engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States.
- While engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force.
- While serving with friendly forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.¹⁸

The youngest living recipient is Gordon R. Roberts, age 58. Three days after Roberts graduated from high school, he enlisted in the [United States Army](#) in May, 1968. Roberts was placed in Company B, [1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division](#), and deployed to the [Republic of Vietnam](#) in April 1969.

- By 11 July 1969, Roberts had already distinguished himself, being awarded both the [Silver Star](#) and the [Bronze Star](#).^[1] On that day, Roberts single-handedly wiped out three machinegun nests, saving the lives of over 20 fellow soldiers on Hill 996 during [Operation Montgomery Rendezvous](#).^{[1][3]} Roberts spent 14 months in Vietnam, until he returned to the United States in June 1970.

¹⁶ “Founding Fathers on Prayer,” Wallbuilders, <https://wallbuilders.com/founding-fathers-prayer/>

¹⁷ “Who Handwrote the Original Constitution?” Reference, <https://www.reference.com/history/handwrote-original-constitution-5a99c4db73561df0?qo=contentSimilarQuestions>

¹⁸ John White, “The Bravest of the Brave,” The New American, July 20, 2008 <https://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/history/item/4725-the-bravest-of-the-brave>

On 2 March 1971, he was awarded the Medal of Honor by President [Richard M. Nixon](#) for his actions on 11 July 1969.^[4] Roberts was the youngest [living Medal of Honor recipient](#) and the only one still on active duty until May, 2012 when he retired after 44 years of active duty.¹⁹

The Liberty Bell was last rung on George Washington's Birthday in 1846. It received its fatal crack a few hours later. Look closely and you will see the word "Pennsylvania" is misspelled as "Pensylvania." The bell is said to have been built for \$225.50 USD and it was rung on July 8, 1776 for the first public reading of The Declaration of Independence. Today, it is officially owned by the city of Philadelphia, while the National Park Service maintains its state-of-the-art facilities, where it has been housed since 2003, nearby in Independence Hall.²⁰

National Day of Prayer: "Congress passed a resolution on September 25th, 1789, that called on President Washington to proclaim a National Day of Prayer, and he did just that. He declared that November 26th, 1789, the country would "offer our prayers and supplications to the Great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions." Washington's proclamation begins with, "Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful to His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." It goes on to encourage Americans to pray in their homes and churches on that day.

John Adams and James Madison both issued proclamations for a National Day of Prayer. Madison issued four of them. Abraham Lincoln famously called for a Day of National Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer on March 30th, 1863. The tradition continued throughout our history until Congress in 1952 enacted a statute calling upon the President to proclaim a National Day of Prayer once per year. President Reagan signed amendments to the 1952 law in 1988, making the first Thursday of each May the National Day of Prayer for all Americans.²¹"

¹⁹ "Gordon Ray Roberts," Wikipedia. "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gordon_Ray_Roberts"

²⁰ "27 Interesting facts about the United States," <http://www.uscitytraveler.com/27-interesting-facts-about-the-united-states/>

²¹ "National Day of Prayer Follows Tradition of Three Major Presidents," <https://rightwingnews.com/christianity-2/national-day-prayer-follows-tradition-three-major-presidents/>