

INDEPENDENCE DAY SERVICE 2019

CALLING UPON THE LORD AS A NATION IN HOPE THAT HIS
GRACE AND MERCY MIGHT VISIT US ONCE AGAIN.

Ecclesiastes 12:1

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“What Nation Is This?”

**A Recollection And Lamentation On America’s Great
Founding And Decline As A Christian Nation.**

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

God’s Faithfulness, National Repentance & Revival

Introduction to the Text;

The United States of America at 243 years of age.

1.) Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance. 2.) When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 3.) If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, 4.) And turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 5.) I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people 6.) For kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 7.) The LORD makes nations great, He destroys them; He enlarges nations, and He disperses them throughout the world.

Psalms 33:12, 2 Chronicles 7:13-14, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Job 12:23

The First Virginia Charter

By King James 1st of England - April 10, 1606

“We, greatly commending, and graciously accepting of their Desires for the Furtherance of so noble a Work, which may, by the Providence of Almighty God, hereafter tend to the Glory of his Divine Majesty, in propagation of the Christian Religion to such People, as yet live in Darkness and miserable Ignorance of the true Knowledge and Worship of God... And chiefly the way to prosper and achieve good success is to make yourselves all of one mind for the good of your country and your own, and to serve and fear God the Giver of all Goodness...”

Mayflower Compact

<https://opbcbibletrust.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/mayflowercompact.jpg>

"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 England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, 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 of 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 to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, 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, 1620."

The Miracle of These United States of America

In September 1774 the "future" founders discussed what to do about tyranny **13 colonies** / fiercely independent / **many not appreciating the other**. /Different governing documents / **Different native European origins** / Different Christian denominations.

The first act of the first Congress began with a prayer meeting called. 4 chapters of the Bible were studied at that meeting. John Adams said in particular, that the study of Psalm 35 was most powerful.

Adams tells Abigail about it

<https://www.bostonteapartyship.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/prayer-first-continentalcongress.jpg>

James Madison,

Who had introduced the First Amendment in the first session of Congress...

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

He proclaimed two (2) National Days of Prayer and a National Day of Fasting during **the War of 1812**, writing November 16, 1814: "**In the present time of public calamity and war** a day may be observed by the people of the United States as a **Day of Public Humiliation and Fasting and of Prayer** to Almighty God for the safety and welfare of these United States. The confessing of sins and transgressions, and of strengthening their vows of repentance... that He would be graciously pleased to pardon all their offenses."

**There were over 1,400 government calls to prayer,
fasting and humiliation by 1815**

John Hancock

Sensible of the importance of Christian piety and virtue to the order and happiness of a state, I cannot but earnestly commend to you every measure for their support and encouragement. That universal happiness may be established in the world and that all may bow to the scepter of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the whole earth be filled with His glory.”

He also called on the State of Massachusetts to pray . . .

- that the spiritual kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ may be continually increasing until the whole earth shall be filled with His glory.
- to confess their sins and to implore forgiveness of God through the merits of the Savior of the World.
- to cause the benign religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to be known, understood, and practiced among all the inhabitants of the earth.
- that with true contrition of heart we may confess our sins, resolve to forsake them, and implore the Divine forgiveness, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. . . . And finally to overrule all the commotions in the world to the spreading the true religion of our Lord Jesus Christ in its purity and power among all the people of the earth.

John Adams told Abigail of the actions of the Continental Congress in July of 1776.

"This day in July will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forever."

A Letter from John Adams to Thomas Jefferson

28 June, 1813

What were these general Principles? I answer, the general Principles of Christianity... Now I will avow, that I then believed, and now believe, that those general Principles of Christianity, are as eternal and immutable, as the Existence and Attributes of God: and that those Principles of Liberty, are as unalterable as human Nature and our terrestrial, mundane System.