

Answer the Call: For God and Country!

Remembrance: Ten Things Everyone Should Know about the Founding of America

*Give thanks to the Lord; make known His deeds; remember His works; keep His laws; praise Him! (Ps. 105)
Remember the God who brought you out of Egypt, through the wilderness, and into the Promised Land. (Deut. 8)*

1. **Christopher Columbus** was motivated by his Christian faith to sail to the New World.
2. America began as a haven for **Christian** refugees and a sanctuary for religious dissidents.
3. The **Pilgrims** came to the New World in 1620 to glorify God and to advance the Christian faith, which they made clear in the **Mayflower Compact**.
4. The **Puritans** arrived in 1629 with a vision of America as a “City on a Hill” and created church covenants that led to more than 100 Bible-based political covenants and for the U.S. Constitution.
5. The **education** of the settlers and Founding Fathers was uniquely Christian and Bible-based.
6. A religious revival known as the **Great Awakening** took place from 1730 to 1770 that helped unite the colonies and influenced the continued development of a Christian nation.
7. Many of the colonial clergy, often referred to as the **Black Robed Regiment**, preached liberty – including John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg in Woodstock.
8. **Biblical Christianity** was the driving force behind the leaders of the American Revolution.
9. It also played a key role in the development of the **Declaration** of **Independence**.
10. The Biblical understanding of the sinfulness of man (Jer. 17:9) was the guiding principle behind the design for the separation of powers and checks and balances enshrined in the U.S. **Constitution**.

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Repentance: The Moral Meltdown of America

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord (Ps. 33:12)

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. (Prov. 14:34)

I sought for a man to stand in the gap for me ... and found none. (Ezekiel 22:30)

While men slept, the enemy came and sowed tares among the good seed. (Mt. 13:25)

In the last days, Perilous Times shall come, lovers of pleasure more than of God. (II Tim. 3:1-17)

We have sinned with our fathers; they forgot His works; they served idols; they shed innocent blood! (Ps. 106)

1. An estimated **58** million babies have been aborted in the U.S. since the U.S. Supreme Court decision of 1973, averaging over one million/year. **22** % of all pregnancies in America today end in abortion.
2. **Fifty** percent of all marriages in America end in divorce. That’s up from under 10% in 1960. Cohabitation before marriage involves 50% of couples; only **10** % are still together after five years.
3. As a result, marriage has become **disposable**, **optional**, and now even **redefinable** as determined by the U.S. Supreme Court, despite laws in over 30 states that had banned same-sex “marriages”.
4. **Forty-one** percent of all babies were born outside of marriage in 2012. That is up from only 5% in 1960. In 15 of our largest cities, **90** % of all babies born to teen mothers are out-of-wedlock births.
5. **33** % of children are being raised in single-parent homes. That’s up from only 9% in 1960. They often suffer from lower academic achievement and higher levels of abuse, promiscuity, drugs, poverty, and crime.
6. **Pornography** contributes to some 50% of all broken marriages, and often leads to abuse of women and children. It is **addictive**, **progressive**, and **destructive**.

Rebuke: Biblical Models for Our Role in Government: Officials and Advocates

1. **Joseph** Gen. 41:40-43 Appointed by Pharaoh as ruler over all of Egypt
2. **Esther** Esther 4:8, 14-16 Risked her life to approach King Ahasuerus and saved her people
3. **Daniel** Daniel. 2:48; 6:1-3 Appointed as ruler over all of Babylon; chose civil disobedience
4. **Moses** Ex. 3:10 Confronted Pharaoh and led God's people to the Promised Land
5. **Nathan** II Sam. 12:1-14 Confronted David with his sin of adultery
6. **Elijah** I Kings 18: 18-40 Confronted King Ahab and 850 prophets for idolatry

Rebuild: Biblical Mandates for Our Role in the Culture and in the Public Square

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. (Ps. 33:12)

Government is downstream from the Culture, ... from the Church, ... from the People, ... and from God. (Rakazzi)

If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will become a nation gone under. (Reagan)

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan. (Prov. 29:2)

Through the blessing of the upright, a city is exalted, but by the mouth of the wicked, it is destroyed. (Prov. 11:11)

1. Genesis 1:28 "Thou shalt have **dominion** ... over every living thing that moves on the earth."
2. Deut. 1:13 "Take **wise men** and make them rulers, ... and judges to judge righteously."
3. Psalms 94:16 "Who will **rise up** for me against the evildoers and against the workers of iniquity?"
4. Matthew 5:13-16 "You are the **salt** of the earth. You are the **light** of world. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."
5. Luke 19:13 "He called his servants and said, '**Occupy** the land till I come.'"
6. Philippians 2:15 "Be blameless and without rebuke, shining as **lights** in a crooked and perverse nation."

Restore: An Eight-Step Strategic Plan for America

1. **Remembrance:** We have a rich Judeo-Christian heritage; we must remember it to keep it alive. (Ps. 105)
2. **Repentance:** Like Israel, we too have sinned against God (Ps. 106) and must repent. (II Chron. 7:14)
3. **Revival:** We must have a Spiritual Revival for a Third Great Awakening in America.
4. **Righteousness:** The Bible contains 515 references to "righteousness". (Prov. 14:34 & 29:2; Amos 5:15 and 24). Like Israel, we too are called to be "The City of Righteousness"! (Is. 1:26)
5. **Rebuke:** With hearts now on fire with righteousness, a confrontation with evil is inevitable. (The Jericho Plan in Joshua 6, Eph. 5:11; Philippians 2:15; II Tim. 4:2)
6. **Rebuild/Reform:** Like Nehemiah, we too must work together to rebuild the broken down walls of America on its Biblical foundations as "One Nation under God." (Neh. 1-13)
7. **Restoration:** As the Bible makes clear and as George Washington recognized, religion and morality are indispensable supports for political prosperity and as a shining "City on a Hill" (Mt. 5:14)
8. **Rejoice:** When we achieve that goal of restoring the Founders' vision (Judges 1:26), we can give all praise to God so that our joy is heard around the world! *Laus Deo!* (Neh. 12)

Our Daily Prayer: For **Wisdom** in all we think and say and do; for **Guidance** for tomorrow and beyond; for **Discernment** between right and wrong; for **Courage** to act on that discernment; for **Strength** of mind, body, and spirit; for **Comfort** when we're weak and when we fail; and for the fullness of Your **Spirit** within us throughout this day and every day. Amen