

# 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