

UNDER GOD

We the People



Returning to Our Roots

Workbook

*“In the name of God, Amen.
By the grace of God,
For the glory of God and
Advancement of the Christian faith,
In the presence of God and one another...”*
Mayflower Compact, 1620

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to *UNDER GOD, We the People, Returning to Our Roots* workshop.

Did you know God is NOT acknowledged in our United States Constitution?

Some argue that God is acknowledged in our Constitution because he is mentioned in the date, *anno Domini*, meaning “in the year of the Lord.” But let’s be reasonable, the date has nothing to do with the content of the Constitution. The fact is, for almost 250 years, we have been living under *We the People of the United States*, not Under God.

With this in mind, this workshop—using excerpts from our 50 States’ Constitutions, other nations’ constitutions, and, most importantly, the Scriptures—is designed to give Christians a Scriptural perspective of our United States Constitution.

Learning about constitutions may sound dull to some, but don’t fear, this workbook is short and simple.

For starters, you don’t need to know anything about the United States Constitution. On the other hand, one does need to know where to begin when studying or writing government documents. Do we begin with:

God?
Man?
Different forms of government?
Other constitutions?

Because we are Christians, the answer is obvious. When studying or writing a nation’s documents, we begin with God and God’s Word because –

1. All true knowledge, wisdom, and understanding comes from God¹;
2. God rules over all the nations², setting up kings and deposing them.³
3. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life⁴, the Beginning and the End⁵.

So, we will begin with God’s Word: Scripture!

Just follow this workbook’s FIVE STEPS, and by the end, you’ll be contributing your ideas for acknowledging God in our United States Constitution.

¹ Isaiah 11:2 - “And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD...”

² Daniel 4:17,25 - “...the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.”

³ Daniel 2:21 - “... he removeth kings, and setteth up kings.”

⁴ John 14:6 - “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

⁵ Revelation 22:13 - “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.”

STEP ONE: BEGINNING WITH GOD and GOD'S WORD

All Scripture is given by inspiration from God⁶ which means all Scripture is from God, and therefore all Scripture is true. All Scripture is also profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness⁷ which means all Scripture is profitable for judging and correcting doctrines, even constitutions. So, we'll begin with:

7 SCRIPTURES FOR NATIONS

(Note: You will be reading the King James Version, so it may be a bit cumbersome.)

Read each aloud.

1. *"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist."* Colossians 1:16-17

2. *"God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation..."* Acts 17:26

3. *"... the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."* *"He removeth kings and setteth up kings."* Daniel 4:17, 25, 32; 2:21

4. *"You shall have no other gods before me."* Exodus 20:3

5. *"The wicked shall be turned into hell, all the nations that forget God."* Psalm 9:17

6. *"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful."* Romans 1:28-31

7. Jesus said: *"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."* Matthew 12:37

⁶ 2 Timothy 3:16 – "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

⁷ Ibid.

QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION, and YOUR NOTES
about the 7 SCRIPTURES FOR NATIONS

Write your answers in the spaces provided or circle “YES” or “NO”.

1. Scripture #1: Who created all things visible and invisible? _____ Who made the thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers? _____ All things were created by whom and for whom? _____ Who is before all things? _____ All things consist in whom? _____

2. Scripture #2: Who made all the nations of men? _____ Who has determined when nations exist, even before they exist? _____ Who has determined the boundaries of nations? _____

3. Scripture #3: Who rules over the nations? _____ Who gives nations to whomever he wills? _____ Who removes and sets up rulers over the nations? _____

4. Scripture #4: Because God made all the thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers, and because all things consist in him, and because he made all the nations, rules over the nations, gives them to whomever he wills, removes and sets up the rulers over nations, if we replace God with Man (*Man makes the thrones and nations, rules over the nations, gives powers to the nations, gives them to whomever he wills, and removes and sets up rulers*) are we making Man out to do the things only God can do and does? YES NO

Taking it a step further, are we making Man out to be a god? Circle: YES NO

5. Scripture #5: Is it wise for a nation to forget God? YES NO. If nations omit God from their constitutions, do you think they forgot God or deliberately omitted God?

6. Scripture #6: Is it wise for a nation to retain a knowledge of God? YES NO Would it be wise to retain a knowledge of God in our nation’s Constitution? YES NO

7. Scripture #7: Constitutions are made up of words, so can we apply Scripture #7 to constitutions? Will those who write constitutions—and those who sign them—be justified or condemned by their words? YES NO

DISCUSSION: If time allows, discuss your answers.

Your notes: Take a moment to jot down what you want to remember from STEP ONE.

STEP TWO: OUR 50 STATES and THEIR CONSTITUTIONS

Guess how many of the 50 States acknowledge God in their Constitutions. _____

You'll find the answer in the Appendix: *Excerpts from Preambles of the 50 States*.

Choose a State. Read its preamble (see Appendix, *Excerpts from Preambles of the 50 States*). Write how the following SCRIPTURES apply or do not apply to your State's constitution.

NAME YOUR STATE: _____

1. "O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people." Psalm 117:1

2. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3

3. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, all the nations that forget God." Psalm 9:17

4. "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful." Romans 1:28-31

5. Jesus said, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matthew 12:37

By acknowledging God, his sovereignty, our dependence on him, and our gratitude to him, did any of these States establish a religion? Circle your answer: YES NO

DISCUSSION: If time allows, discuss your answers.

Your notes: Take a moment to jot down what you want to remember from STEP TWO.

STEP THREE: 5 NATIONS and THEIR CONSTITUTIONS

Read aloud the following excerpts from Preambles of 5 different Nations' Constitutions. Which nations mention God, which do not?

COLOMBIA

The people of Colombia, In the exercise of their sovereign power, represented by their delegates to the National Constituent Assembly, invoking the protection of God, and in order to strengthen the unity of the nation and ensure to its members life, peaceful coexistence, work, justice, equality, understanding, freedom, and peace within a legal, democratic, and participatory framework that may guarantee a just political, economic, and social order and committed to promote the integration of the Latin American community, decree, authorize, and promulgate the following:

PHILIPPINES

We, the sovereign Filipino people, imploring the aid of Almighty God, in order to build a just and humane society, and establish a Government that shall embody our ideals and aspirations, promote the common good, conserve and develop our patrimony, and secure to ourselves and our posterity, the blessings of independence and democracy under the rule of law and a regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality, and peace, do ordain and promulgate this Constitution.

EGYPT

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

This is Our Constitution; Egypt is the gift of the Nile for Egyptians and the gift of Egyptians to humanity.

With its unique location and history, Egypt is the Arab heart of the world.

It is the meeting point of world civilizations and cultures and the crossroads of its maritime transportation and communications. It is the head of Africa on the Mediterranean and the estuary of its greatest river: the Nile.

This is Egypt, an immortal homeland for Egyptians, and a message of peace and love to all peoples.

In the outset of history, the dawn of human conscience arose and shone forth in the hearts of our great ancestors, whose goodwill banded together to found the first central State that regulated and organized the life of Egyptians on the banks of the Nile. It is where they created amazing wonders of civilization, and where their hearts looked up to heavens before earth knew the three Abrahamic religions.

Egypt is the cradle of belief and the banner of glory of the revealed religions.

On its land, Prophet Moses - to whom Allah spoke - grew up and on Mount Sinai, the Revelation of Allah shone on his heart and Divine message descended.

On its land, Egyptians harbored in their bosoms Virgin Mary and her baby and offered thousands of martyrs in defense of the Church of Jesus, Peace Be Upon Him.

When the Seal of the Messengers Mohammad (Peace and Blessings Be Upon Him) was sent to all mankind to perfect the sublime morals, our hearts and minds were opened to the light of Islam, and we, labeled the best soldiers on Earth fighting for the cause of

Allah, disseminated the message of truth and sciences of religion across the world. This is Egypt, a homeland in which we live and in our souls it lives. In modern age...

IRELAND

In the Name of the Most Holy Trinity, from Whom is all authority and to Whom, as our final end, all actions both of men and States must be referred,

We, the people of Éire,

Humbly acknowledging all our obligations to our Divine Lord, Jesus Christ, Who sustained our fathers through centuries of trial,

Gratefully remembering their heroic and unremitting struggle to regain the rightful independence of our Nation,

And seeking to promote the common good, with due observance of Prudence, Justice and Charity, so that the dignity and freedom of the individual may be assured, true social order attained, the unity of our country restored, and concord established with other nations,

Do hereby adopt, enact, and give to ourselves this Constitution.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, 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.

Did any of these nations establish a religion in their Constitutions? Circle your answer: YES NO

Which nations that acknowledged God did not establish a religion?

Which nations did not acknowledge God? _____

DISCUSSION: Write down which was your favorite preamble and why. Take a few minutes to share the things you thought were interesting about your favorite preamble.

After your discussion, choose another nation: Colombia, Philippines, Egypt, Ireland, USA. In the spaces below, describe how the SCRIPTURES apply or do not apply to your nation's constitution.

NAME YOUR NATION: _____

1. *“O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.”* Psalm 117:1

2. *“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”* Exodus 20:3

3. *“The wicked shall be turned into hell, all the nations that forget God.”* Psalm 9:17

4. *“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:”* Romans 1:28-31

5. Jesus said, *“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”* Matthew 12:37

DISCUSSION: If time allows, discuss your answers.

YOUR NOTES: Take a moment to jot down what you want to remember from STEP THREE.

STEP FOUR: THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

The United States Constitution begins with a mission statement. We call it a Preamble. The following is the mission statement/Preamble of the United States Constitution.

Read the Preamble of the United States Constitution aloud.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, 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.

Let's break it down. The following are the stated 6 goals of the U.S. Constitution:

1. Form a more perfect Union,
2. Establish Justice,
3. Insure domestic Tranquility,
4. Provide for the common defense,
5. Promote the general Welfare,
6. Secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.

NOW LET'S DO A LITTLE REALITY CHECK: Is it possible for *We the People*, by omitting God, to achieve any of the U.S. Constitution's 6 goals?

Because all Scripture is profitable for judging and correcting doctrines, even constitutions, let's let Scripture answer that question.

1. What does Scripture say when we declare *We the People* are going to form a more perfect Union?

Answer: "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it:" Psalm 127:1
Even though we may think differently, from God's Word we know Man's efforts to form a nation or a more perfect union without the LORD are in vain.

2. What does Scripture say when we declare *We the People* are going to establish Justice?

Answer: "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy (the LORD God of hosts) throne..." Psalm 89:14

Because justice lives in or inhabits God's throne, one must go to God's throne for justice, not to the throne of *We the People*.

3. What does Scripture say when we declare *We the People* are going to insure domestic Tranquility?

Answer: The LORD "maketh peace in thy borders and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat." Psalm 147:14

Peace to a nation's borders and the blessings of prosperity come from the LORD, not Man.

4. **What does Scripture say** when we declare *We the People* are going to provide for the common defense?

Answer: “*Except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.*” Psalm 127:1
Without the LORD watching over us, *We the People* keep watch in vain.

5. **What does Scripture say** when we declare *We the People* are going to promote the general Welfare?

Answer: “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*” James 1:17

Yours, mine, and our general welfare comes from the Father of lights who is above, with whom there is no variableness. It does not come from Man who is of the earth, constantly changing his ideologies regarding general welfare.

6. **What does Scripture say** when we declare *We the People* are going to secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity?

Answer: “*Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*” 2 Corinthians 3:17

The Blessings of Liberty come from the Spirit of the Lord; therefore, they do not come from the spirit of Man.

7. **Finally, what does Scripture say** when Man declares *We the People, by ordaining and establishing this Constitution for the United States of America, are going to achieve those 6 goals for our nation*?

Answer: “*Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.*” James 4:13-16

In other words, we ought to say IF the LORD wills, we shall live and do these things. Instead, we rejoice and boast in our *We the People* doctrine, and all such rejoicing is evil.

But wait! Even as Scripture tells us Man cannot do any of these things on his own, *We the People* have done them! *We the People* have made the United States great! Haven't we?

Indeed, the United States is great. So, the question arises, does God gift nations with blessings and greatness if they do not acknowledge him, even if they claim *We the People* do the works only God can do?

The following Scriptures answer that question with a resounding YES!

Read the following 2 Scriptures aloud:

Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon: *“Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.”* Daniel 2:37-38

“Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron... I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:” Isaiah 45:1, 2, 5

Based on these 2 Scriptures, did God make Babylon and Media/Persia great even though they did not acknowledge him? YES NO

Based on these 2 Scriptures, is a nation’s greatness determined by whether it acknowledges God or not? YES NO

Based on these 2 Scriptures, has God made the United States great, bestowing mighty blessings on her even as *We the People* do not acknowledge him in our U.S. Constitution? YES NO

Even if God had not made the United States great, wouldn’t it be righteous to acknowledge him in our U.S. Constitution? YES NO

DISCUSSION: If time allows, discuss your answers.

YOUR NOTES: Take a moment to jot down what you want to remember from STEP FOUR.

STEP FIVE: RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS: THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT

Read the following MAYFLOWER COMPACT aloud. This document written 400 years ago is our foundational American governing document. Establishing America's roots in Christianity, it proclaims the Pilgrim's ideals and motives for combining *together in a civill body politick*.

THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT

In the name of God, Amen.

We, whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread Sovereigne Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britaine, France and Ireland king, defender of the faith, etc.

having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honour of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northerne parts of Virginia,

doe by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civill body politick, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid;

and by virtue hereof to enacte, constitute, and frame such just and equall laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete and convenient for the generall good of the Colonie unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape-Codd the 11. of November, in the year of the raigne of our sovereigne lord, King James, of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fiftie-fourth. Anno Dom. 1620.

In light of the Mayflower Compact, once again read aloud the Preamble of the United States Constitution.

THE PREAMBLE OF THE UNITED STATES 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 defense, 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.

UNDERLINE THE REFERENCES TO GOD AND CHRISTIANITY in both the Mayflower Compact and the Preamble of the United States Constitution.

NOW LIST those references:

Mayflower Compact: _____

Preamble of the United States Constitution: _____

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

At this point, we all might agree that acknowledging God: *In the name of God, Amen, by the grace of God, for the glory of God, and in the presence of God,*” would be a vital addition to our Constitution.

But “*advancement of the Christian faith?!*” Isn’t that taking it a bit too far?!

If we think it is, it’s because we’ve been governed by Man-First thinking, aka Humanist thinking, for almost 2½ centuries, telling us to sit down and shut up when it comes to Jesus Christ (even Christmas), teaching us to be repulsed by the very idea of shoving the “*Advancement of the Christian faith*” down *We the People’s* throats.

But is this a valid reaction? Is “*Advancement of the Christian faith*” a bad thing? Because if we’re not advancing the Christian faith, what faiths are advancing?

Once again, let’s look at Scripture:

Jesus said: “*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*” Matthew 28:19-20

He also said: “*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*” Matthew 5:13

The first Scripture is a command by Jesus Christ to advance the Christian faith: Go! Teach all nations! Baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The second Scripture identifies the consequences of disobedience to this command: Christians lose the essence of Christianity and are good for nothing except to be cast out and trodden under foot by men.

So! What happens when Christians are trodden under foot by men?

When Christians are trodden under foot by men, those men and their faiths are advancing while we're eating dust! I'll repeat: If we're not advancing, we're good for nothing while some other faith is advancing.

In our case, *We the People* has been trampling down Christianity for 2½ centuries, advancing its Man-First ideology, aka Humanism, from generation to generation.

In this light, which is better? Advancement of the Christian Faith or filling the void with the Advancement of Humanism? _____

USING THE SCRIPTURE VERSES IN THIS WORKBOOK –

Can we say that acknowledging God in a nation's Constitution makes a difference?
YES NO

Can we say that not acknowledging God in a nation's Constitution makes a difference? YES NO

YOUR VOICE FOR AMERICA

If you had an opportunity to change the United States Constitution, what would you write? Would you return to our roots? Would you acknowledge God, give thanks to God, ask God for protection, and advance the Christian faith? Or would you keep the Constitution as is?

IF YOU WOULD CHANGE IT, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE? WHAT WOULD YOU ADD? _____

DISCUSSION: If time allows, discuss your answers.

YOUR NOTES: Take a moment to jot down what you want to remember from STEP FIVE.



Appendix

EXCERPTS FROM PREAMBLES OF THE 50 STATES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NOTE: All 50 States acknowledge a Supreme Being.

ALABAMA - We, the people of the State of Alabama, in order to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish the following Constitution and form of government for the State of Alabama.

ALASKA - WE THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA, grateful to God and to those who founded our nation and pioneered this great land, in order to secure and transmit to succeeding generations our heritage of political, civil and religious liberty within the Union of States, do ordain and establish this constitution for the State of Alaska.

ARIZONA - We, the people of the State of Arizona, grateful to Almighty God for our liberties, do ordain this Constitution.

ARKANSAS - We, the people of the State of Arkansas, grateful to Almighty God for the privilege of choosing our own form of government, for our civil and religious liberty, and desiring to perpetuate its blessings and secure the same to our selves and posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

CALIFORNIA - We, the People of California, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom: in order to secure its blessing, do establish this Constitution.

COLORADO - We, the people of Colorado, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in order to form a more independent and perfect government, establish justice, insure tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the "State of Colorado".

CONNECTICUT - We, the people of the State of Connecticut acknowledging with gratitude, the good providence of God, in having permitted them to enjoy a free government, do, in order more effectually to define, secure, and perpetuate the liberties, rights and privileges which they have derived from their ancestors; hereby, after a careful consideration and revision, ordain and establish the following constitution and form of civil government.

DELAWARE - Through divine goodness all men have, by nature, the rights of worshiping and serving their Creator according to the dictates of their consciences, of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring and protecting reputation and

property, and, in general, of attaining objects suitable to their condition, without injury by one to another, and as these rights are essential to their welfare, for the due exercise thereof, power is inherent in them, and, therefore, all just authority in the institutions of political society is derived from the people, and established with their consent, to advance their happiness, and they may, for this end as circumstances require, from time to time, alter their constitution of government.

FLORIDA - We, the people of the State of Florida, being grateful to Almighty God for our constitutional liberty, in order to secure its benefits, perfect our government, insure domestic tranquility, maintain public order, and guarantee equal civil and political rights to all, do ordain and establish this constitution.

GEORGIA - To perpetuate the principles of free government, insure justice to all, preserve peace, promote the interest and happiness of the citizen and of the family, and transmit to posterity the enjoyment of liberty, we the people of Georgia, relying upon the protection and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

HAWAII - We, the people of Hawaii, grateful for Divine Guidance...establish this Constitution

IDAHO - We, the people of the State of Idaho, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, to secure its blessings and promote our common welfare do establish this Constitution.

ILLINOIS - We, the people of the State of Illinois, grateful to Almighty God for the Civil, political and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy and looking to Him for a blessing on our endeavors...do ordain and establish this Constitution for the State of Illinois.

INDIANA - TO THE END, that justice be established, public order maintained, and liberty perpetuated; WE, the people of the State of Indiana, grateful to ALMIGHTY GOD for the free exercise of the right to choose our own form of government, do ordain this Constitution.

IOWA - WE, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF IOWA, grateful to the Supreme Being for the blessings hitherto enjoyed, and feeling our dependence on Him for a continuance of those blessings, do ordain and establish a free and independent government, by the name of the STATE OF IOWA...

KANSAS - We, the people of Kansas, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious privileges, in order to insure the full enjoyment of our rights as American citizens, do ordain and establish this constitution of the state of Kansas...

KENTUCKY - We, the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberties we enjoy, and invoking the continuance of these blessings, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

LOUISIANA - We, the people of the State of Louisiana, grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberties we enjoy...do ordain and establish this constitution

MAINE - We, the people of Maine...acknowledging with grateful hearts the goodness of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe... and imploring His aid and direction...

MARYLAND - We, the People of the State of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberty, and taking into our serious consideration the best means of establishing a good Constitution in this State for the sure foundation and more permanent security thereof, declare:

MASSACHUSETTS - We...the people of Massachusetts, acknowledging with grateful hearts, the goodness of the Great Legislator of the Universe...in the course of His Providence...and devoutly imploring His direction... forming a new Constitution...

MICHIGAN - We, the people of the state of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings and freedom, and earnestly desiring to secure these blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

MINNESOTA - We, the people of the state of Minnesota, grateful to God for our civil and religious liberty, and desiring to perpetuate its blessings and secure the same to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

MISSISSIPPI - We, the people of Mississippi in convention assembled, grateful to Almighty God, and involving his blessing on our work, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

MISSOURI - We the people of Missouri, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and grateful for His goodness, do establish this Constitution for the better government of the State.

MONTANA - We the people of Montana grateful to God for the quiet beauty of our state, the grandeur of our mountains, the vastness of our rolling plains, and desiring to improve the quality of life, equality of opportunity and to secure the blessings of liberty for this and future generations do ordain and establish this constitution.

NEBRASKA - We, the people, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, do ordain and establish the following declaration of rights and frame of government, as the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

NEVADA - We the people of the State of Nevada Grateful to Almighty God for our freedom in order to secure its blessings, insure domestic tranquility, and form a more perfect Government, do establish this CONSTITUTION.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - Every individual has a natural and unalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience and reason; and no subject shall be hurt, molested, or restrained, in his person, liberty, or estate, for worshipping God in the manner and season most agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience; or for his religious profession, sentiments, or persuasion; provided he doth not disturb the public peace or disturb others in their religious worship.

NEW JERSEY - We, the people of the State of New Jersey, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors to secure and transmit the same unimpaired to succeeding generations, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

NEW MEXICO - We, the people of New Mexico, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of liberty, in order to secure the advantages of a state government, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

NEW YORK - WE, THE PEOPLE of the State of New York, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure its blessings, DO ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION.

NORTH CAROLINA - We, the people of the State of North Carolina, grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations, for the preservation of the American Union and the existence of our civil, political and religious liberties, and acknowledging our dependence upon Him for the continuance of these blessings to us and our posterity, do, for the more certain security thereof and for the better government of the State, ordain and establish this Constitution.

NORTH DAKOTA - We, the people of North Dakota, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, do ordain and establish this constitution.

OHIO - We, the people of the State of Ohio, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, to establish its blessings and promote our common welfare, do establish this Constitution.

OKLAHOMA - Invoking the guidance of Almighty God, in order to execute and perpetuate the blessings of liberty, to secure just and rightful government, to promote our mutual welfare and happiness, we, the people of the State of Oklahoma, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

OREGON - Bill of Rights Article I. Section 2. All men shall be secure in the Natural right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their consciences...

PENNSYLVANIA - We the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and humbly invoking His guidance, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

RHODE ISLAND - We, the people of the State of Rhode Island...grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing...

SOUTH CAROLINA - We, the people of the State of South Carolina...grateful to God for our liberties, do ordain and establish this Constitution...

SOUTH DAKOTA - We, the people of South Dakota, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberties, in order to form a more perfect and independent government, establish justice, insure tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and preserve to ourselves and to our posterity the blessings of liberty, do ordain and establish this constitution for the State of South Dakota.

TENNESSEE - Art. XI.III. That all men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their conscience.

TEXAS - Humbly invoking the blessings of Almighty God, the people of the State of Texas, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

UTAH - Grateful to Almighty God for life and liberty, we, the people of Utah, in order to secure and perpetuate the principles of free government, do ordain and establish this CONSTITUTION.

VERMONT - Whereas, all government ought to ...enable the individuals who compose it to enjoy their natural rights, and other blessings which the Author of Existence has bestowed on man....

VIRGINIA - BILL OF RIGHTS XVI...Religion, or the Duty which we owe our Creator...can be directed only by Reason...and that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian Forbearance, Love and Charity towards each other....

WASHINGTON - We, the people of the State of Washington, grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for our liberties, do ordain this Constitution

WEST VIRGINIA - Since through Divine Providence we enjoy the blessings of civil, political and religious liberty, we, the people of West Virginia, in and through the provisions of this Constitution, reaffirm our faith in and constant reliance upon God and seek diligently to promote, preserve and perpetuate good government in the state of West Virginia for the common welfare, freedom and security of ourselves and our posterity.

WISCONSIN - We, the people of Wisconsin, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure its blessings, form a more perfect government, insure domestic tranquility and promote the general welfare, do establish this Constitution.

WYOMING - We, the people of the State of Wyoming, grateful to God for our civil, political and religious liberties, and desiring to secure them to our selves and perpetuate them to our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

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