



Focus on Religious Freedom

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“Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!” – Psalm 95:2

Let Us Give Thanks...

...for this nation whose foundation included the right of every man to worship according to his conscience...to study and speak and pray...to evangelize and rejoice in the mercy and goodness of his God. The freedoms of our founding documents are unique among the nations of the world. Among other facts, they are unique because of their origin in Natural Law...the laws that establish our rights, as named by our founders, to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

They are unique also because we were the first nation ever founded by its citizens claiming the right and ability to govern themselves...instead of government by an earthly king, dictator or emperor.

We were called by our first elected president to thank God for these blessings.

[New York, 3 October 1789]

By the President of the United States of America. a Proclamation.

“Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

“Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be...”

Yet, we were advised by founder Thomas Paine that...

“What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated.”

Americans must know and defend our liberties for “ages and millions yet unborn.”