

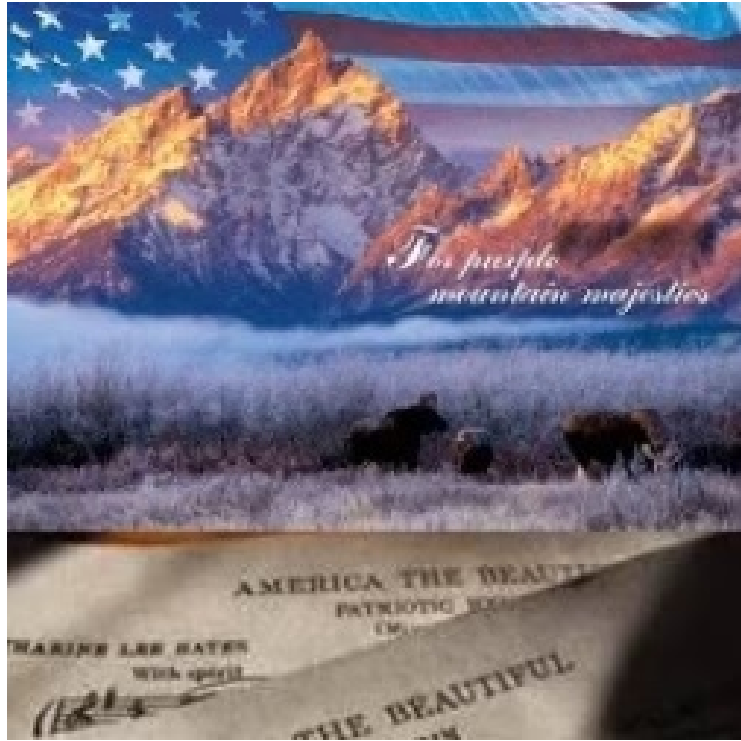
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"America, America, God Shed His Grace On Thee ...
from sea to shining sea" - All 50 States
acknowledged God

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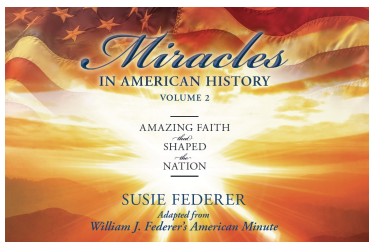
"O Beautiful, For
Spacious Skies,
For Amber Waves
of Grain ..."

Almost chosen as
the National
Anthem in 1926,
"America the
Beautiful" was
written by
**Katherine Lee
Bates**, born
August 12, 1859 ...



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Daughter of a Congregational minister, **Katherine Lee Bates** taught high school, then English literature at Wellesley College.

She hosted gatherings at her home for students and literary guests, including **Robert Frost, Carl Sandburg**

and **William Butler Yeats**.

Of her 1893 Colorado journey, **Katherine Lee Bates** wrote:

"Some of the other teachers and I decided to go on a trip to 14,000-foot Pikes Peak. We hired a prairie wagon.

Near the top we had to leave the wagon and go the rest of the way on mules. I was very tired.

... But when I saw the view, I felt great joy.

All the wonder of America seemed displayed there, with the sea-like expanse."

"America, the Beautiful" was quoted by **President Lyndon Johnson** in his first formal address before a joint session of Congress, Supreme Court Justices and the Cabinet, November 27, 1963:

"John Kennedy's death commands what his life conveyed--that America must move forward.

The time has come for Americans of all races and creeds and political beliefs to understand and to respect one another ...

Let us here highly resolve that **John Fitzgerald Kennedy** did not live-or die-in vain ...

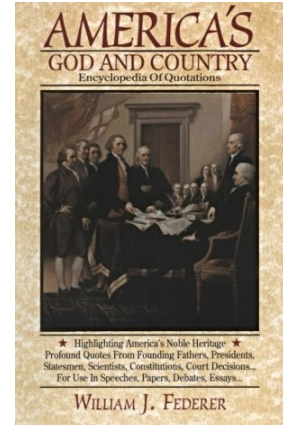
... As we gather together to **ask the Lord's blessings and give Him our thanks**, let us unite in those familiar and cherished words:

**'America, America,
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown they good
With brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.'**

"America, the Beautiful" was referred to by **President Ronald Reagan** in meeting **South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan**, November 14, 1983:

"At the worship service Sunday morning with our soldiers ... less than a mile from one of the most tyrannical regimes on Earth ... a choir of little girls ... all orphans ... closing the service, singing **"America, the Beautiful"** in our language, was a **spiritual experience.**"

[America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations](#)



Katharine Lee Bates' poem was printed in *The Congregationalist* for Independence Day, July 4, 1895:

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies,
For Amber Waves of Grain,

For Purple Mountain Majesties
Above the Fruited Plain!

America! America!
God Shed His Grace on Thee

And Crowned Thy Good with Brotherhood
From Sea to Shining Sea!

O Beautiful for Pilgrims Feet,
Whose Stern Impassioned Stress

A Thoroughfare for Freedom Beat
Across the Wilderness!

America! America!
God Mend Thy Every Flaw,

Confirm Thy Soul in Self-Control
Thy Liberty in Law!

O Beautiful for Heroes Proved
In Liberating Strife,

Who More Than Self Their Country Loved,
And Mercy More Than Life!

America! America!
May God Thy Gold Refine

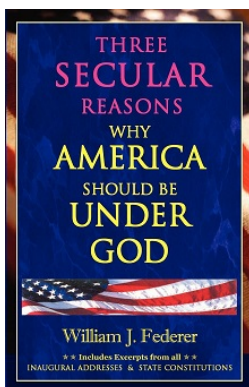
Till All Success Be Nobleness
And Every Gain Divine!

O Beautiful for Patriots Dream
That Sees Beyond the Years

Thine Alabaster Cities Gleam
Undimmed by Human Tears!

America! America!
God Shed His Grace On Thee

And Crown Thy Good With Brotherhood
From Sea to Shining Sea!



[Three Secular Reasons Why America
Should Be Under God](#)

Deuteronomy 28 states:

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments ... All these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee."

God shed His grace from sea to shining sea, as all 50 states, at some time in their state's history, have acknowledged **God** somewhere in their state's constitution:

Alabama 1901,
Preamble. We the people of the State of Alabama ... invoking the favor and guidance of **Almighty God**, do ordain and establish the following Constitution ...



Alaska 1956,
Preamble. We, the people of Alaska, grateful to **God** and to those who founded our nation and pioneered this great land ...



Arizona 1911,
Preamble. We, the people of the State of Arizona, grateful to **Almighty God** for our liberties, do ordain this Constitution ...



Arkansas 1874,
Preamble. We, the
people of the State
of Arkansas,
grateful to
Almighty God for
the privilege of
choosing our own
form of
government ...



California 1879,
Preamble. We, the
People of the
State of California,
grateful to
Almighty God for
our freedom ...



CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC



Colorado 1876,
Preamble. We, the
people of
Colorado, with
profound
reverence for the
**Supreme Ruler of
Universe** ...



Connecticut

1818, Preamble.
The People of
Connecticut,
acknowledging
with gratitude the
good **Providence
of God** in
permitting them to
enjoy ...



Delaware 1897,
Preamble.
Through **Divine
Goodness** all men
have, by nature,
the rights of
worshiping and
serving their
Creator according
to the dictates of
their consciences ...



Florida 1885,
Preamble. We, the
people of the State
of Florida, grateful
to **Almighty God**
for our
constitutional
liberty ... establish
this Constitution ...

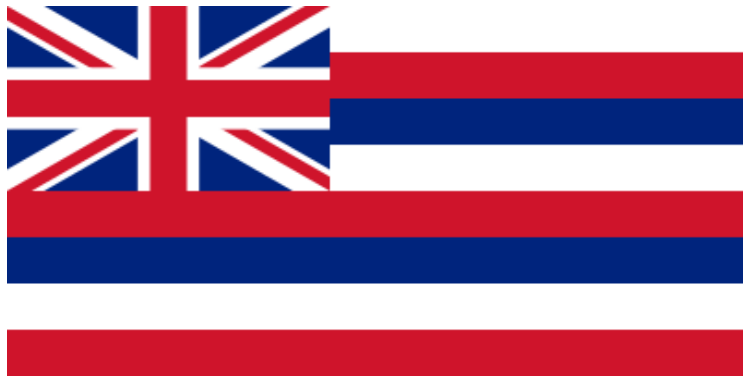


Georgia 1777,
Preamble. We, the
people of Georgia,
relying upon
protection and
guidance of

Almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution ...



Hawaii 1959,
Preamble. We, the people of Hawaii,
Grateful for **Divine Guidance** ...
establish this
Constitution ...



Idaho 1889,
Preamble. We, the people of the State of Idaho, grateful to **Almighty God** for our freedom, to secure its blessings ...



Illinois 1870,
Preamble. 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 ...



Indiana 1851,
Preamble. We, the
People of the
State of Indiana,
grateful to
Almighty God for
the free exercise
of the right to
chose our form of
government ...



Iowa 1857,
Preamble. 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 continuation of these blessings ... establish this
Constitution ...



Kansas 1859,
Preamble. We, the
people of Kansas,
grateful to
Almighty God for
our civil and
religious privileges
... establish this
Constitution ...



Kentucky 1891,
Preamble. We, the
people of the
Commonwealth of
Kentucky, grateful

to **Almighty God**
for the civil,
political and
religious liberties
...



Louisiana 1921,
Preamble. We, the
people of the State
of Louisiana,
grateful to
Almighty God for
the civil, political
and religious
liberties we enjoy
...



Maine 1820,
Preamble. We the
People of Maine ...
acknowledging
with grateful hearts
the goodness of
the **Sovereign
Ruler of the
Universe** in
affording us an
opportunity ... and imploring His aid and direction ...



Maryland 1776,
Preamble. We, the
people of the state
of Maryland,
grateful to
Almighty God for
our civil and
religious liberty ...

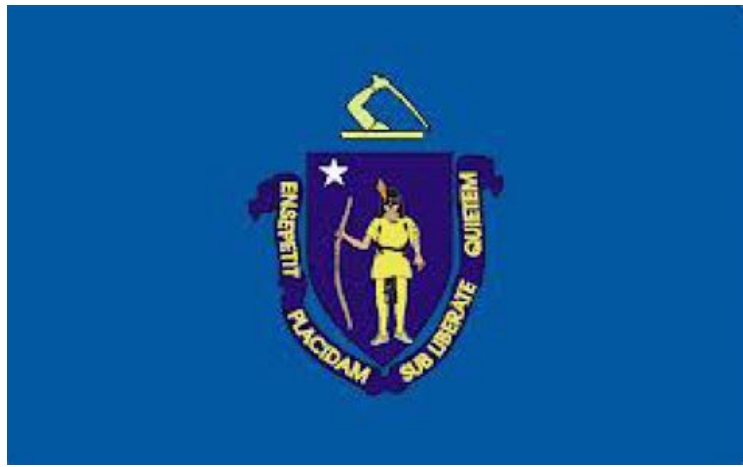


Massachusetts

1780, Preamble.

We ... the people of Massachusetts, acknowledging with grateful hearts, the goodness of the **Great Legislator**

of the Universe ... in the course of His Providence, an opportunity ... and devoutly imploring His direction ...



Michigan 1908, Preamble. We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to **Almighty God** for the blessings of freedom ... establish this Constitution ...



Minnesota 1857, Preamble. We, the people of the State of Minnesota, grateful to **God** for our civil and religious liberty, and desiring to perpetuate its blessings ...



Mississippi 1890, Preamble. We, the people of Mississippi in convention

assembled,
grateful to
Almighty God,
and invoking **His**
blessing on our
work ...



Missouri 1945,
Preamble. We, the
people of Missouri,
with profound
reverence for the
**Supreme Ruler of
the Universe**, and
grateful for **His**
goodness ...
establish this Constitution ...



Montana 1889,
Preamble. We, the
people of
Montana, grateful
to **Almighty God**
for the blessings of
liberty ... establish
this Constitution ...



Nebraska 1875,
Preamble. We, the
people, grateful to
Almighty God for
our freedom ...
establish this
Constitution ...



Nevada 1864,
Preamble. We the
people of the State
of Nevada, grateful
to **Almighty God**
for our freedom ...
establish this
Constitution ...



New Hampshire
1792, Part I. Art. I.
Sec. V. Every
individual has a
natural and
unalienable right
to worship **God**
according to the
dictates of his own
conscience ...



New Jersey 1844,
Preamble. We, the
people of the State
of New Jersey,
grateful to
Almighty God for
civil and religious
liberty which **He**
hath so long
permitted us to
enjoy, and looking to **Him** for a blessing on our
endeavors ...



New Mexico
1911, Preamble.
We, the People of
New Mexico,
grateful to

Almighty God for
the blessings of
liberty ...



New York 1846,
Preamble. We, the
people of the State
of New York,
grateful to
Almighty God for
our freedom, in
order to secure its
blessings ...



North Carolina
1868, Preamble.
We the people of
the State of North
Carolina, grateful
to **Almighty God**,
the **Sovereign**
Ruler of Nations,
for ... our civil,
political, and



religious liberties, and acknowledging our dependence
upon **Him** for the continuance of those ...

North Dakota
1889, Preamble.
We, the people of
North Dakota,
grateful to
Almighty God for
the blessings of

civil and religious
liberty, do ordain

...



Ohio 1852,
Preamble. We the
people of the state
of Ohio, grateful to
Almighty God for
our freedom, to
secure its
blessings and to
promote our
common ...



Oklahoma 1907,
Preamble.
Invoking the
guidance of
Almighty God, in
order to secure
and perpetuate the
blessings of liberty
... establish this ...



Oregon 1857, 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

1776, Preamble.
We, the people of Pennsylvania, grateful to **Almighty God** for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and humbly invoking **His** guidance ...



Rhode Island

1842, Preamble.
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

1778, Preamble.
We, the people of the State of South Carolina ... grateful

to **God** for our liberties, do ordain and establish this Constitution ...



South Dakota
1889, Preamble.
We, the people of South Dakota, grateful to **Almighty God** for our civil and religious liberties ... establish this Constitution ...



Tennessee 1796,
Art. XI.III. That all men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship **Almighty God** according to the dictates of their conscience ...



Texas 1845,
Preamble. We the People of the Republic of Texas, acknowledging, with gratitude, the grace and beneficence of

God ...



Utah 1896,
Preamble. Grateful
to **Almighty God**
for life and liberty,
we ... establish this
Constitution ...



Vermont 1777,
Preamble.
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 1776, 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
1889, Preamble.
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
1872, Preamble.
Since through
**Divine
Providence** we
enjoy the
blessings of civil,
political and
religious liberty, we, the people of West Virginia ...
reaffirm our faith in and constant reliance upon **God** ...



Wisconsin 1848,
Preamble. We, the
people of
Wisconsin, grateful
to **Almighty God**
for our freedom,
domestic
tranquility ...

WISCONSIN



1848

Wyoming 1890,
Preamble. We, the
people of the State
of Wyoming,
grateful to **God** for
our civil, political,
and religious
liberties ...
establish this
Constitution ...



After reviewing acknowledgments of **God** from **all 50 state constitutions**, one is faced with the prospect that maybe, just maybe, the ACLU and the out-of-control federal courts are wrong.

Psalm 33:12 states:

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

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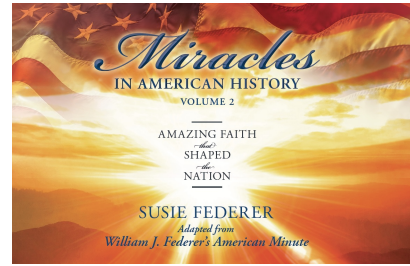
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