



“USA’s 250th”

Celebration of the Declaration of Independence
July 5, 2026

1. For 250 years we have enjoyed the benefits of our _____ . (July 4th, 1776 - 2026)

1. The United States of America is the _____ of millions of enslaved peoples.

1. Romanian pastor Richard Wurmbrand, under Communist rule wrote _____ for _____ in 1967.

“I have seen fellow-prisoners in Communist prisons beaten, tortured, with 50 pounds of chains on their legs—praying for America... that the dike will not crumple; that it will remain free.”

2. Daniel Webster stated in 1802:

Miracles do not cluster, and what has happened once in 6,000 years, may not happen again. Hold on to the Constitution, for if the American Constitution should fail, there will be anarchy throughout the world. These leaders thought something unique happened in America.

3. People from nations all over the world prayed for the November 5th 2024 election

Elections were held in the United States on November 5, 2024. In the presidential election, former Republican President Donald Trump, seeking a non-consecutive second term, defeated the incumbent Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris. Republicans also gained control of the Senate and held narrow control of the House of Representatives, winning a government trifecta for the first time since 2016. This took place after a July 13, 2024 assassination attempt during a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, where he was shot in the ear but survived.

2. To whom much is given much is _____.

Declaration of Independence: *We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,...*

1. Governments in this world’s history are mostly kings and _____.

2. John Adams had this to say to us.

“Posterity - you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you make good use of it.” John Adams letter to Abigail, April 26, 1777

3. The greater your power and influence the greater the _____.

*Dr. Thomas Beard, was Oliver Cromwell’s teacher and he taught in his book **The Theater of God’s Judgments 1597** that the wicked were actually to be punished in this life apart from the judgment in the afterlife and kings and rulers who used their influence and power to exempt themselves faced more severe punishments. *Cromwell the Lord Protector Antonia Fraser.**

3. What is required of American citizens to pass on our blessings to the next _____ ?

1. According to the D of I a firm reliance on _____ and a pledge of our _____ to each other.

Declaration of Independence: *...“And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”*

2. Richard Wurmbrand wrote:

“A man truly believes not what he recites in his creed, but only the things he is ready to die for.”

3. We must not tempt God’s providence with our _____.

“To trust altogether to the righteousness of our cause without giving our utmost exertion would be tempting providence.” Jonathan Trumbull Sr. (October 12, 1710 - August 17, 1785) was an American politician who served as the governor of Connecticut during the American Revolution

4. Pray that we may _____ the times and know what we should do.

*"32 Of the sons of Issachar, **men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do**, their chiefs [were] two hundred; and all their kinsmen [were] at their command." [1Ch 12:32 NASB95]*

5. **Pray for statesmen that are given a _____.**
"14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And **who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?**" [Est 4:14 NASB95]

2. What should we do to pass on our blessings to our posterity?

1. What gift were we given at the _____ Convention?

1. **Constitution Day is _____ on September 17, 1787** (239 years this September)
Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787, recognizing all who are born in the U.S. or by naturalization, have become citizens.
2. **Elizabeth Willing Powell asked Ben Franklin _____ after the Convention.** September 17, 1787
"Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?"
"A Republic, If You Can Keep It"
3. **Our Constitution will work if people do not become _____ and need a despotic government.**
"In these sentiments, Sir, I agree to **this Constitution**, with all its faults, if they are such; because I think a General Government necessary for us, and there is no form of government, but what may be a blessing to the people if well administered; and believe further, that this is likely to be well administered for a course of years, and **can only end in despotism**, as other forms have done before it, **when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic government.**"
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5. **The Constitution was officially ratified on June _____, 1788, when New Hampshire the 9th state approved it.**

2. What are the challenges we face in passing on our Constitutional Republic?

1. **Secular _____ is on the one hand and _____ and _____ are on the other hand.**
African Archbishop Robert Sarah of Guinea told the Synod of Bishops in Rome, October 12, 2015: Like two "apocalyptic beasts" ... on the one hand ... **atheistic secularism** ... on the other, **Islamic fundamentalism** ... We find ourselves between "gender ideology and ISIS" ... Two major threats ... Disintegration in the secularized West through quick and easy divorce, abortion, homosexual unions, euthanasia etc. (cf. the LGBT lobby ...) On the other hand ... Islam which legitimizes polygamy, female subservience, sexual slavery, child marriage etc. (cf. Al Qaeda, ISIS, Boko Haram.)
2. **We must understand the conflict has always been and always will be a clash of _____.**
In the front pages of *Rules for Radicals* (1971), Saul Alinsky wrote: Lest we forget at least an over-the-shoulder acknowledgment to the very first radical: from all our legends, mythology, and history (and who is to know where mythology leaves off and history begins – or which is which), the first radical known to man who rebelled against the establishment and did it so effectively that he at least won his own kingdom – Lucifer. – SAUL ALINSKY.

3. What practical things could we do?

1. **Fervently _____ the gospel and admonish and _____ every man.**
2. **Take to our knees to rely as we have in the past on _____.**
3. **Pray that our Lord will grant _____ to the church.**
4. **Use our _____ of _____ guide.**
5. **Pray for a _____ in our country.**
6. **Pray that God would raise up godly _____ to represent us.**
7. **Seek God's wisdom in how you _____ from this world and how you are to _____ it as salt & light.**

"I have often and often, in the course of the session, and the vicissitudes of my hopes and fears as to its issue, looked at that behind the President, without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting: but now at length, I have the happiness to know, that it is a rising and not a setting sun." Ben Franklin