



THE CONSTITUTION
“STATES ARE RISING”

On the 25th, we celebrate Thanksgiving. As Bertrand Russell reminded us “We are like the turkey who wakes up [Thanksgiving] morning expecting lunch as usual. Things can go wrong at any time.”

This is not a time to be thinking about the I, but a time to think about We, about heritage, about the Providence that makes all that we have possible. **George Washington declared** (As requested by Congress): “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.”

Referring to God, “That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed”...

...that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations... To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best...”

Further Insights: Natural Law, God and the Founding of this country:

From an article written by **Jim DeMint: “[You Have No Rights Without Natural Law](#)”**

“While musing on the writings of author and philosopher G.K. Chesterton in his personal notebook, a young John F. Kennedy wrote, “Don’t ever take a fence down until you know the reason why it was put up.” Fences hold things in we want to keep close, and protect us from things we want to keep out. But Chesterton and JFK were not making a point about physical fences. They were speaking of the ideas, principles, and institutions that surround the things that make life worth living, and protect us from threats to those things we value and love.

This is the sort of fence we are currently “taking down” in America. Since its inception, America has been surrounded and protected by a unique set of ideas that created the strongest, most prosperous, most secure and compassionate land of opportunity that has ever existed. These ideas were considered by America’s founders to be “self-evident” because they were based on the “Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God” (from the first sentence of the Declaration of Independence)...”

May all of us this year, recognize the hand of Providence in our many blessings, each and every day. Pray for the wisdom and strength to know what to do as we move forward, individually, as families and as a society. Yet it is a time to think about I, and what I can do to bring Hope and increased Faith to others.

May God continue to bless America and these, the United States of America, for we have a heritage worthy of building on and passing onto future generations. What will you do?

¹For a full read go to: “Thanksgiving Proclamation, 3 October 1789,” Founders Online, National Archives, <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/05-04-02-0091>. [Original source: The Papers of George Washington, Presidential Series, vol. 4, 8 September 1789–15 January 1790, ed. Dorothy Twohig, Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1993, pp. 131–132.] <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/05-04-02-0091>

²For the full read: <https://thefederalist.com/2016/07/15/you-have-no-rights-without-natural-law/>