

# GEORGE WASHINGTON — WE NEED HIM TODAY

The First Inaugural Address – Highlights

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“[April 30, 1789] No People can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand, which conducts the Affairs of men **more than** the People of the United States. Every step, by which they have advanced to the character of an **independent** nation, seems to have been distinguished by some token of **providential agency**. ... Since we ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven, can never be expected on a nation that disregards **the eternal rules of order and right**, which Heaven itself has ordained: And since the preservation of the **sacred fire of liberty**, and the destiny of the Republican model of Government, are justly considered as **deeply**, perhaps as **finally** staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people.”

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Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people. – [Prov. 14:34]

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**Farewell Address** [9/16/1796] “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. ... let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure; **reason** and **experience** both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle. ... ’Tis substantially true, that **virtue** or **morality** is a necessary spring of popular government.

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In his **Thanksgiving Proclamation** October 3, 1789, Washington said: 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...”**

[From George Washington to the Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church in North America, 19 November 1789] “while just government protects all in their religious rights, true religion affords to government its surest support.”

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[Ps 33:12-14, 18] **Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD**, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.[13] The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.[14] From the place of His dwelling **He looks On** all the inhabitants of the earth; [18] Behold, the eye of the LORD is on **those who fear Him**, On those who hope in His mercy,

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**HIS SUBMISSION** – [Thanksgiving Proclamation, *ibid.*]“that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great **Lord and Ruler of Nations** and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions” —

AND OF HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER WHO SAID: [In the will of John Washington *the colonist paternal English ancestor and great-grandfather of George Washington*, recorded in Virginia] “And first being heartily sorry from the bottom of my heart for my sins past most humbly desiring **forgiveness** of the same from the **Almighty God my Saviour and Redeemer** in whom and **by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved** and to have **full remission** and forgiveness of all my sins...”

CAN YOU SAY THIS WITH the WASHINGTON’S?

As the country so its people need to rightly acknowledge and honor the living and only true God in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ: John 17:[3] “And this is eternal life, **that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ** whom You have sent. Acts 16:31 “...**BELIEVE** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved ...”

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