



Monday Matters July 2, 2012

Let Us Never Forget

I'm sure like millions of Americans this week, your mind and thoughts are on the Fourth of July holiday and what it represents: our freedom as a country and our freedom under God.

Let us never forget: that this freedom is a precious thing. It was bought with the sweat, toil and blood of countless Americans who initially fought in the Revolutionary War to obtain it, as well as those who have fought to secure it in the centuries since that fateful day in 1776.

Let us never forget: the words John Quincy Adams spoke on July 4, 1837, John Quincy Adams:

"Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day? ... Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth. That it laid the cornerstone of human

Pledge of Allegiance



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Red Skelton's recitation of
the Pledge of Allegiance

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government upon the first precepts of Christianity, and gave to the world the first irrevocable pledge of the fulfillment of the prophecies announced directly from Heaven at the birth of the Savior and predicted by the greatest of the Hebrew prophets six hundred years before?"

Let us never forget: the written covenant that America's forebears first established with God as early as November 11, 1620, when they penned The Mayflower Compact. It states in part:

"In the name of God, Amen. Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and Honour of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation, and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid; And by Virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the General good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience."

Let us never forget: The sentiments and statements of America's founders make it clear that this nation has enjoyed a love and appreciation for the rights and freedoms recognized in Natural Law that is unique in the annals of human history. No other people have such a heritage.

In a prayer documented on July 4, 1776, by the Continental Congress in thanksgiving for liberty and freedom, "Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn; Grant, we beseech Thee, that we and all the peoples of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

Let us not forget: to have gratitude without measure springing forth from our hearts when we consider the brave men and women of the American military who, this Fourth of July, will be fighting in wars overseas to combat the tyranny of terrorism. These soldiers stand in the long

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Lee Greenwood singing "God
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line of courageous warriors who fought in the Revolutionary War, Civil War, two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf Wars and Iraq and many other encounters. Each of these conflicts, while unique in themselves, shared the common goal of protecting American freedom.

Let us never forget: to always ask God to bless America!