

## Quotes from our Founding Fathers!

- If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy ~ James Madison
- Take not from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned ~ Thomas Jefferson
- They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. ~ Benjamin Franklin
- A Constitution of Government; once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty; once lost, is lost forever. ~ John Adams
- I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- The people are the only legitimate fountain of power. ~ James Madison
- Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- He that cannot obey, cannot command. ~ Benjamin Franklin
- If everyone is thinking alike, then no one is thinking. ~ Benjamin Franklin
- The fate of unborn millions will now depend; under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die. ~ George Washington
- The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions that I wish it to be always kept alive. ~ Thomas Jefferson

- Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism. ~ George Washington
- It is the first responsibility of every citizen to question authority. ~ Benjamin Franklin
- Always stand on principle...even if you stand alone. ~ John Adams
- The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty. ~ James Madison
- Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain – and most fools do. ~ Benjamin Franklin
- To succeed, jump as quickly at opportunities as you do at conclusions. ~ Benjamin Franklin
- Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning. ~ Benjamin Franklin
- A candle loses nothing when it lights another candle. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- If you want something you've never had, you must be willing to do something you've never done. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- Whenever you do something, act as if all the world were watching. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- Energy and persistence conquer all things. ~ Benjamin Franklin
- Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth. ~ George Washington

- Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters. ~ Benjamin Franklin
- I am opposed to any form of tyranny over the mind of man. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- I believe there are more instances of the abridgement of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments by those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations. ~ James Madison
- The issue today is the same as it has been throughout all history, whether man shall be allowed to govern himself or be ruled by a small elite. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- Experience hath shewn, that even under the best forms of government those entrusted with power have; in time and by slow operations, perverted it into tyranny. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- Where slavery exists the republic theory becomes still more fallacious. ~ James Madison
- I can only say that there is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do to see a plan adopted for the abolition of slavery. ~ George Washington

- The right of voting for representatives is the primary right by which other rights are protected. To take away this right is to reduce a man to slavery, for slavery consists in being subject to the will of another, and he that has not a vote in the election of representatives is in this case. ~ Thomas Paine
- We recognize no sovereign but God, and no king but Jesus! ~ John Adams
- Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the governance of any other. ~ John Adams
- The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity. ~ John Adams
- The Christian religion is, above all the religions that ever prevailed or existed in ancient or modern times, the religion of wisdom, virtue, equity and humanity. ~ John Adams
- The way to see by faith is to shut the eye of reason. ~ Benjamin Franklin
- I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever. ~ Thomas Jefferson
- The God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? ~ Thomas Jefferson
- Religion and morality are the essential pillars of civil society. ~ George Washington
- Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can exist apart from religious principle. ~ George Washington

- 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 favors. ~ George Washington
- For my part, I sincerely esteem the Constitution, a system which without the finger of God, never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests. ~ Alexander Hamilton