

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Benjamin Franklin

1787

I have lived, Sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this Truth, that God governs in the Affairs of Men.

And if a Sparrow cannot fall to the Ground without his Notice, is it probable that an Empire can rise without his Aid?

Thomas Jefferson

1781

And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with his wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that his justice cannot sleep for ever.

George Washington
1789 — Thanksgiving Proclamation

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.

James Madison

1785

It is the duty of every man to render to the Creator such homage, and such only, as he believes to be acceptable to him. Before any man can be considered as a member of Civil Society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe

Benjamin Rush

1806

[T]he only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.

Gouverneur Morris

1791

Religion is the only solid basis of good morals; therefore education should teach the precepts of religion and the duties of man towards God.

John Jay
1784

The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts.

Benjamin Franklin

If men are so wicked with religion, what would they
be if without it?

Samuel Adams

1778

Religion and good morals are the only solid
foundation of public liberty and happiness.

Benjamin Franklin

1743

How many observe Christ's birth-day! How few, his precepts! O! 'tis easier to keep Holidays than Commandments.

George Washington 1778

The Hand of providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked, that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations.

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