

# Something to Pray About

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*Freedom is what we have—Christ has set us free! Stand, then, as free people, and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again.* —Galatians 5:1 GNT

## Liberty

We are free in Christ, because we now live under grace and not under the law. We are no longer slaves to sin, and God does not want us to become slaves to sin again, for that way leads to death (see Romans 6: 12-23).

The founding fathers of the United States did not want us to become slaves to tyrants again, so they built our country on Christian principles, and gave us a Constitution and checks and balances in our government to protect our liberty. Yet that liberty comes with responsibilities, the same as our walk in Christ, who calls upon us to “take up our cross” and follow Him. As citizens of the U. S. we must also take up the fight for liberty, because “The price of freedom is eternal vigilance” (Thomas Jefferson).

**In the spirit of those who made this country a haven for liberty, listen to these words, take them to heart, and work to recover liberty while we can.**

“The man who loves his country prefers its liberty to all other considerations, well knowing that without liberty life is a misery.” —Andrew Hamilton

“Real patriotism is a willingness to challenge the government when it’s wrong.”  
—Ron Paul

“As government expands, liberty contracts.” —Ronald Reagan

The history of liberty is a history of resistance. The history of liberty is a history of limitations of government power, not the increase of it.” —  
Woodrow Wilson

“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

“Toleration and liberty are the foundations of a great Republic.”  
—Frank Lloyd Wright

### **But what exactly is liberty?**

“Liberty is not the power of doing what we like, but the right to do what we ought.”  
—Lord Acton

“Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.”  
—George Bernard Shaw

“May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” —Peter Marshall

“Liberty is always freedom from the government.” —Ludwig Von Mises

“If liberty means anything at all, it means to right to tell people what they do not want to hear.”  
—George Orwell

“The only task of the strictly liberal state is to secure life and property against attacks both from external and internal foes.” —Ludwig von Mises

### **How do we protect our liberty?**

“When the people fear their government there is tyranny; when the government fears the people there is liberty.” —Thomas Jefferson

Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith.”  
—Alexis de Tocqueville

“A society that puts equality before freedom will get neither. A society that puts freedom before equality will get a high degree of both.” —Milton  
Friedman

“Security is no replacement for liberty.” —Martin Firrell

“Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech.”  
—Benjamin Franklin

“Those who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.” —Benjamin Franklin

“This land will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.”  
—Elmer Davis

“The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: ‘I’m the government and I’m here to help.’” —Ronald Reagan

And don’t leave God out of it because:

“There is only one kind of freedom and that’s individual liberty. Our lives come from our creator and our liberty comes from our creator. It has nothing to do with government granting it.” —Ron Paul