

Monumental Words



Washington Monument - Some commemorative stones built into the monument have scripture, i.e.:

“The memory of the just is blessed.” (Prov. 10:7)
“Search the Scriptures.” (John 5:39) *“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”* (Proverbs 22:6)

Washington himself wrote prolifically, including:
“The blessings and protection of Heaven are at all times necessary but especially so in times of public distress and danger.” Orders, July 9, 1776
“It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe. No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States.” Inaugural Address, 1789
“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports.” Farewell Address, 1796
Laus Deo, Latin for “Praise be to God,” is engraved on the east side of the aluminum cap of the Monument.

White House - Beginning with John Adams, the White House has been the home of every President except George Washington. After Adams’ first night here, he wrote a letter to his wife, Abigail, on November 2, 1800. He concluded with a now well known prayer. In the final year of WWII, FDR had this prayer carved into the mantelpiece in the State Dining Room.

“I pray Heaven to bestow the best of Blessings on this House and all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise Men ever rule under this roof.” ~ John Adams



Lincoln Memorial - *“The Almighty has His own purposes... Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman’s two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said ‘the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.’*

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.” ~ 2nd Inaugural Address, North Wall

“That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.” ~ Gettysburg Address, South Wall

Jefferson Memorial - *“We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men. We...solemnly publish and declare, that these colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states...And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.”* ~ SW wall

“Almighty God hath created the mind free...All attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burthens...are a departure from the plan of the Holy Author of our religion.” ~ NW wall

“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? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever.” ~ NE wall (verbatim from each wall)

WWII Memorial - Honoring 16 million who fought, millions more on the home front, and the ultimate sacrifice made by 405,399 Americans. FDR & Eisenhower quotes etched in stone here also concluded with the following: *“With confidence in our armed forces - with the unbounding determination of our people - we will gain the inevitable triumph - so help us God.”* - FDR

“Let us all beseech the blessings of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.” - D-day

The 4,048 stars “marking the price of freedom” leads us to ponder the ageless questions of life:

What is the meaning of life?

What happens after we die?

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

~ Jesus (John 3:16 & 17:3)