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The Minister's Musings

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National Day of Prayer in United States



Lee Greenwood: And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave **that** right to me.

In 1620, **William Bradford** and the men and women of faith aboard the Mayflower declared America to be “for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith.”

President George Washington said that the twin pillars essential for supporting a successful society are “morality” and “religion.”

John Adams, our second president specified that the “The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were ... the general principles of Christianity.”

Ronald Reagan said: If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

John F. Kennedy: Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

Adlai Stevenson: When an American says that he loves his country, he means not only that he loves the New England hills, the prairies glistening in the sun, the wide and rising plains, the great mountains, and the sea. He means that he loves an inner air, an inner light in which freedom lives and in which a man can draw the breath of self-respect.

Elmer Davis: This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.

Edward Rutledge: I find that I agree fully with my good friend Patrick Henry when he said it cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religions, but on The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

George Washington: While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.

John Adams: Suppose a nation in some distant Region should take the Bible for their only law Book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obliged in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness, and charity towards his fellow men; and to piety, love, and reverence toward Almighty God ... What a Eutopia, what a Paradise would this region be.

Elder Ed Saunders



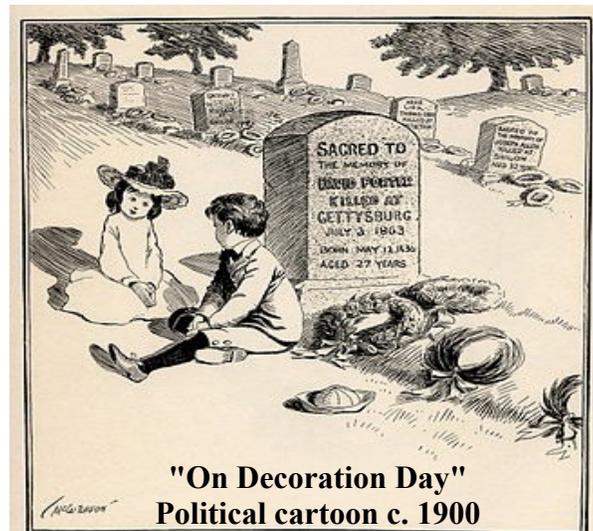
Thoughts on Memorial Day!

The Acts of War

Windows are missing
There is no door
Buildings sagging
Dirt on the floor.

The church tower
Only halfway there
The bell has fallen
And rings no more

Babies are crying
Their parents are dead
All because of the act
Of a raging war.



"On Decoration Day"
Political cartoon c. 1900
by **John T. McCutcheon.**

Caption: "You bet I'm goin' to be a soldier, too, like my Uncle David, when I grow up."