

a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?"

"I therefore, beg to move," Franklin continued, "that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of heaven and its blessings on the deliberations to be held every morning before we proceed to business." History further tells us that his suggestion was adopted by the Convention and that from that moment forward the affairs of the Convention moved in an orderly and productive fashion. All of us are familiar with the language of the great document that was produced.

Our military history has a long and impressive list of occasions when our leaders invoked the blessing of the Almighty in their tasks. Two of the most famous of these were at Bunker Hill and Pearl Harbor. It was at Bunker Hill that Captain William Prescott, when passing among his men on the eve of battle, encouraged them with the now-famed words: "Keep your faith in God, men, and keep your powder dry." It was during the attack on Pearl Harbor that a Navy chaplain, standing on the deck of a sinking battleship that was still engaged in the fight, said: "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition."

Governments, as we know, can and do exist under atheism, but in my opinion it is impossible for a democratic form of government to exist without a firm foundation in religion. I say this because to me religion and democracy are founded upon the same basic principles. Religion teaches the brotherhood of man. A religious man is one who loves and respects his fellow man. A democracy also believes in the brotherhood of man, and it acknowledges, honors and protects the rights of all men. How, then, can a man believe in God and not accept the principles of a democratic society? And how can a man believe in such society, and in the God-given rights of his fellow man, and not believe in the principles of religion?

Bishop William Temple, one of England's leading clerics of this century, has said that one of the functions of the church is to act as the conscience of men in their corporate existence—in government, among other things. It is my belief that the church and the government are partners in the management of the affairs of the people. If either should falter, both may fail. Therefore, in the best interests of both, and in the best interests of the entire world, we should encourage our church leaders to take a greater interest in their government and we should encourage the leaders of our government to take a greater interest in their church.