



## *Preamble to the Declaration of Independence*

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

*Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image." So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:26<sup>a</sup>-27*

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

- John Adams

*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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*  
- 2 Chronicles 7:14

## *The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution*

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

### **Five Freedoms**

- **Religion:** The government cannot establish a national religion (Establishment Clause) or interfere with your right to practice your faith or hold no faith at all (Free Exercise Clause).
- **Speech:** Protects your right to voice opinions, ideas, and criticisms without government retaliation.
- **Press:** Allows journalists and media outlets to investigate, publish, and report on news without government censorship or intimidation.
- **Assembly:** Grants the right to gather peacefully in groups for protests, rallies, or civic organization.
- **Petition:** Gives citizens the right to request changes from the government, lobby representatives, or file lawsuits.

