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God's Providence in American History

So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel. ⁸ Now Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died when he was one hundred and ten years old. ⁹ And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephraim, on the north side of Mount Gaash. ¹⁰ When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel.

Judges 2:7-10

“Remember the former days”

(Deuteronomy 32:7; Psalms 77:5, 11;
Isaiah 46:9; Acts 7; Hebrews 11;
Hebrews 10:32; Romans 15:4)

“A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about.”

Woodrow Wilson





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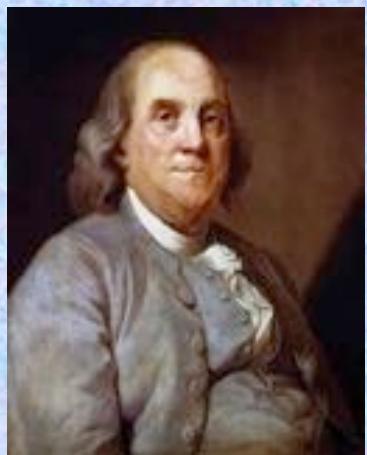
A DECLARATION

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"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?"



Benjamin Franklin



"As the dawn of the next day approached, those of us who remained in the trenches became very anxious for our own safety, and when the dawn appeared there were several regiments still on duty. At this time a very dense fog began to rise off the river, and it seemed to settle in a peculiar manner over both encampments. I recollect this peculiar providential occurrence perfectly well, and so very dense was the atmosphere that I could scarcely discern a man at six yards distance...We tarried until the sun had risen, but the fog remained as dense as ever."



Benjamin Tallmadge

"Waiting in New York for the British General Howe and his troops to return from England, Washington issued the order on May 15 for prayer, fasting, and humble supplication to the Lord for His continued blessings."

William Bennett

"The Hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this-the course of the war-that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith."

George Washington (diary entry August 20th, 1778)

*The War of
1812*



Sir George Cockburn G.C.B.







POETRY.

DEFENCE OF FORT M'HENRY.

[These lines have been already published in several of our newspapers, and may still, however, be new to many of our readers. Besides, we think that their merit entitles them to preservation in some more permanent form than the medium of a daily paper. The original song was composed under the following circumstances:—gentleman had just returned, by a Reg. of steam, from the process of getting released from the British Army, a friend of his, a black-bellied spy, at Mincing-lane. He was at the time master of the Merrimac, and was not permitted to return, but the intended attack on Baltimore should be made. He, therefore, sought up the bay in the mouth of the Patapsco, where the Reg. vessel was kept under the guns of a brigant, and he was compelled to leave the boundaries of Fort McHenry, which the Admiral had bound that he would never cross in a free boat, and that the day never fail. He watched the flag at the fort through the whole day with anxiety that one by Justice left alone described, until the night perceived him from seeing it. In the night he watched the house-shops, and at early dawn his eye was again greeted by the proudly-swinging flag of his country.]

Tune—*ANGLER IN HAVEN.*

O ! say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gloaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the rampart we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glow, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there—
O ! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the sea's hawthorn boughs in dyed silvery repose,
What is that which the bivouac o'er the towering steep
As it slowly shows, half veiled, half disclosed?
Now it catches the glories of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream—
"Tis the star-spangled banner, O ! how long it was,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

And where is that land whi so proudly waves
That the hawks of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should have us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul foot-steps' pollution.

May I always hear that you are following the guidance
of that blessed Spirit that will lead you into all truth,
leaning on that Almighty arm that has been extended
to deliver you, trusting only in the only Savior, and
going on in your way to Him rejoicing.

Francis Scott Key

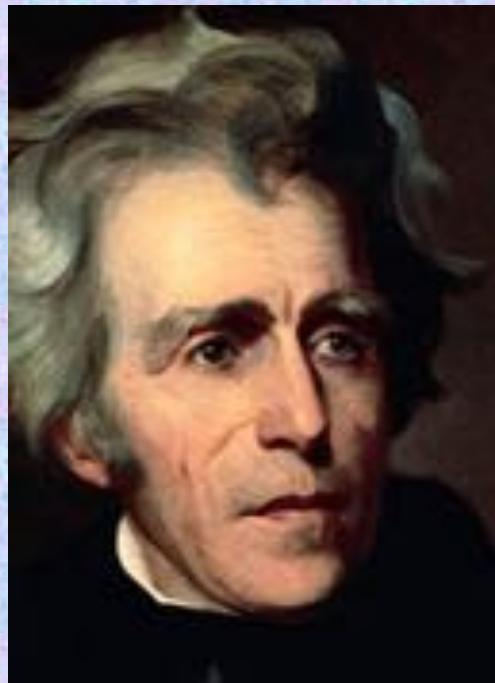
"The two Houses of the National Legislature having by a joint resolution expressed their desire that in the present time of public calamity and war a day may be recommended to be observed by the people of the United States as a day of public humiliation and fasting and of prayer to Almighty God for the safety and welfare of these States, His blessing on their arms, and a speedy restoration of peace...I have deemed it proper to recommend a day of humble adoration to the Great Sovereign of the Universe."

James Madison





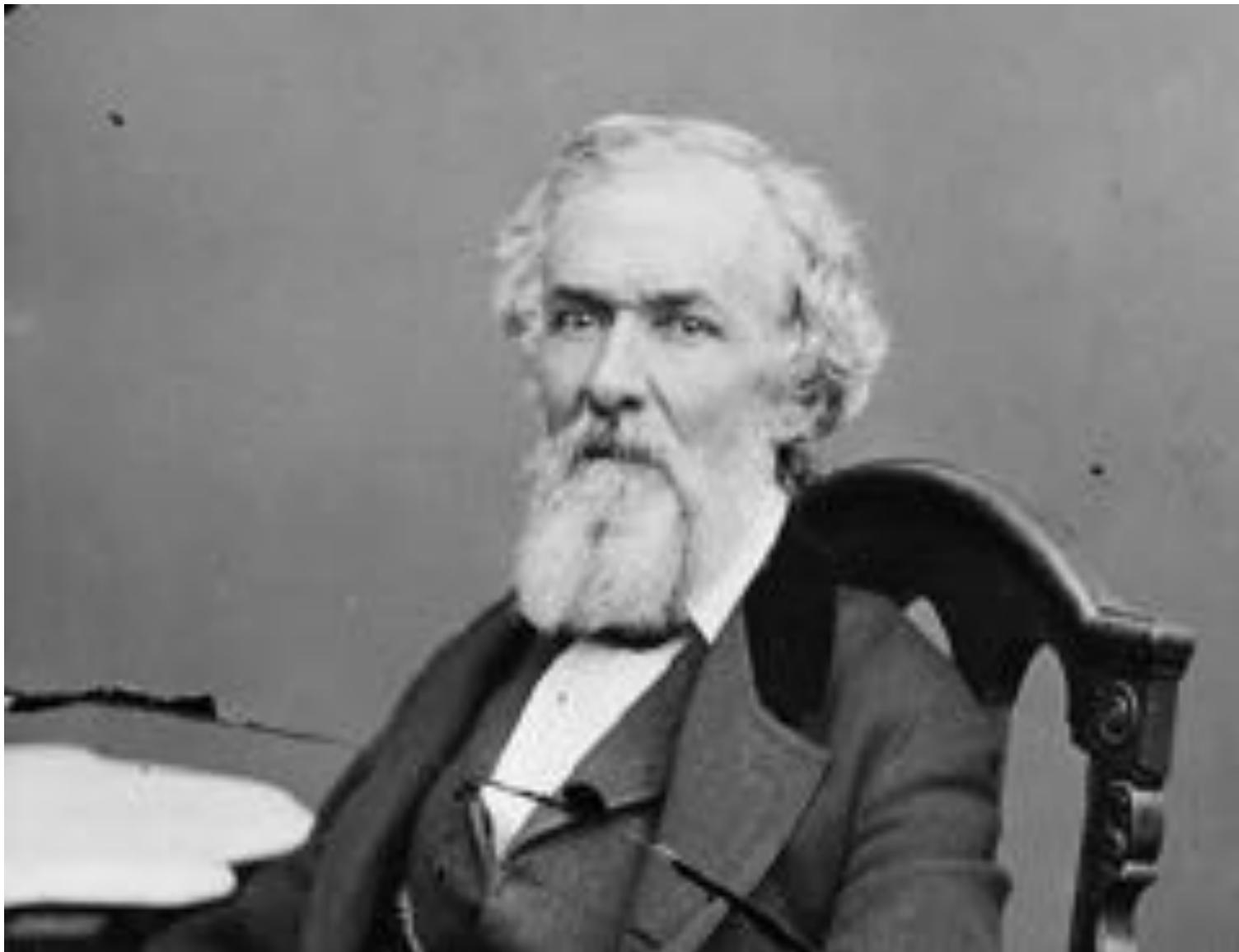
"Every ball and palm and rocket that the British fired missed, but every one of ours had a mission of death... This was providence, God intervened."



Andrew Jackson







Nicholas Trist



Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo







ABRAHAM LINCOLN

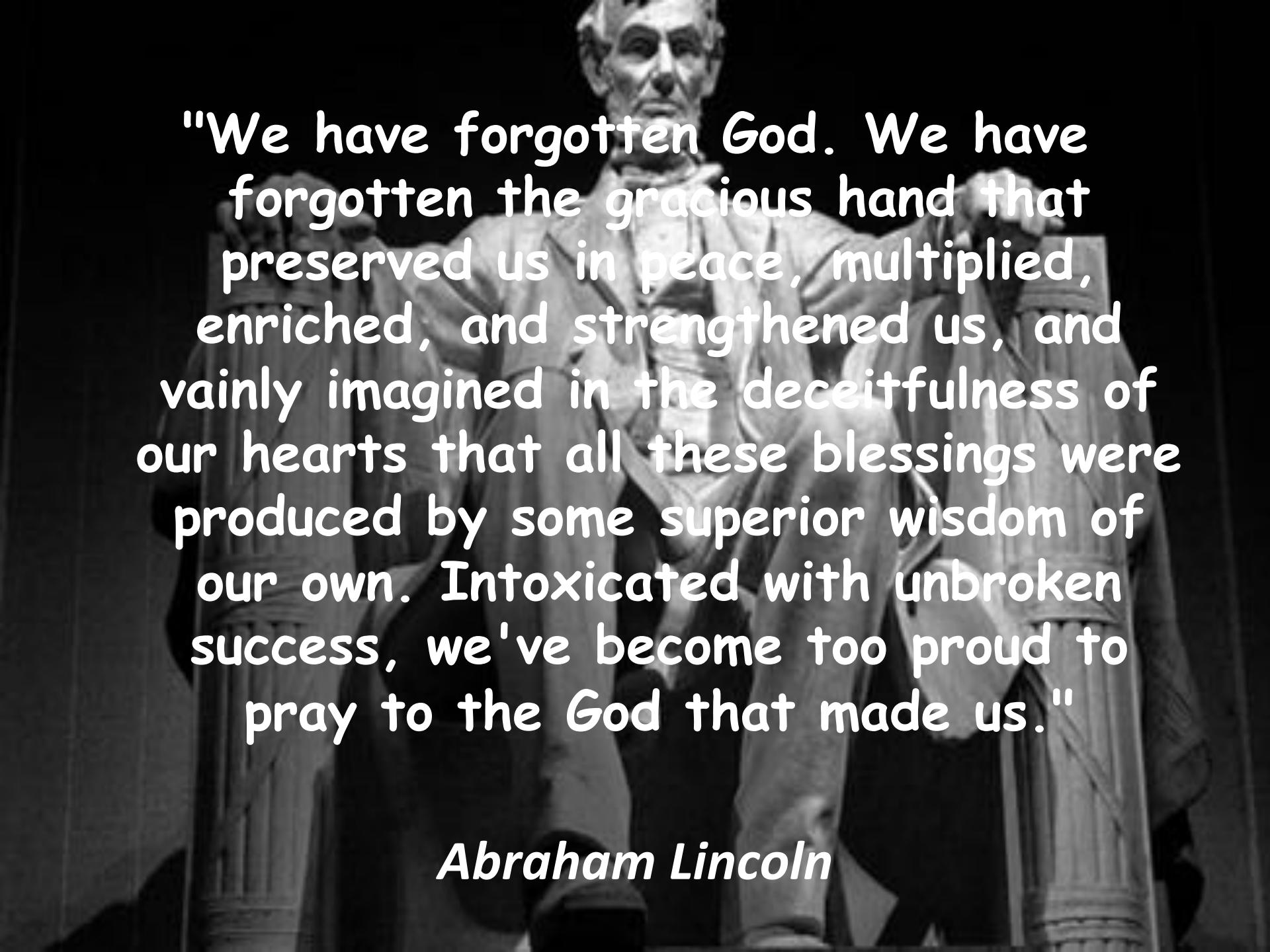
Emancipation Proclamation





PRIVATE BARTON W. MITCHELL

Mitchell, Co. F, 27th Indiana
Volunteers, is buried in Hartsville
Baptist Cemetery. He found
Confederate General Lee's "Lost"
Special Orders No. 191 near
Frederick, MD, September 13,
1862. Union General McClellan
then engaged Lee at the
Battle of Antietam.



"We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand that preserved us in peace, multiplied, enriched, and strengthened us, and vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we've become too proud to pray to the God that made us."

Abraham Lincoln





The statesman's task is to hear
God's footsteps marching
through history, and to try and
catch on to His coattails as He
marches past.

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Dr. Samuel Cooper



Jonathon Mayhew



Richard Allen



Harry Hoosier

In Honor of
PRINCE ESTABROOK



Prince Estabrook was a slave who lived in Lexington. At dawn on April 19, 1775, he was one of the Lexington Minute Men awaiting the arrival of the British Regulars at the Buckman Tavern. In the battle which followed, Prince Estabrook was wounded on Lexington Green. Through circumstance and daring, he thus became the first Black soldier to fight in the American Revolution.

This monument is dedicated to the memory of Prince Estabrook and the thousands of other courageous Black patriots long denied the recognition they deserve.

Dedicated by the Alice M. Honnold Memorial Fund
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Peter Salem