

*One
Nation*



*Under
God*

*"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven;
we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity;
we have grown in numbers, wealth and power
as no other nation has ever grown.*

*"But we have forgotten God.
We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace
and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us;
and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts,
that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.
Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient
to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace,
too proud to pray to the God that made us.*

*"It is the duty of nations as well as of men
to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God;
to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow,
yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon;
and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures
and proven by all history, that:*

*those nations are blessed
whose God is the Lord."*

*-President Abraham Lincoln; October 3, 1863
(Written during the Civil War)*



*"If we stay true to the teaching of the Bible,
our country will go on prospering.*

*But if we and future generations
neglect its instructions and authority,
no one can tell what sudden disaster may crush us
and bury all our glory in darkness."*

-Daniel Webster