

## **State Creed (1953)**

I believe in Alabama, a state dedicated to a faith  
in God and the enlightenment of mankind.

**22<sup>nd</sup> State:** Dec 14, 1819      **Style:** Greek Revival      **Built:** 1851

## **Constitution Preamble (1956)**

We, the people of Alaska, grateful to God and to those who founded our nation and pioneered this great land.

**49<sup>th</sup> State:** Jan 3, 1959

**Style:** Art Deco

**Built:** 1931

## **Constitution Preamble (1911)**

**We, the people of the State of Arizona, grateful to Almighty God for our liberties, do ordain this Constitution.**

**48<sup>th</sup> State:** Feb 14, 1912

**Built:** 1901

**Style:** Combination Georgian, Beaux-Arts, and Greek Revival

# Arkansas Supreme Court (1905)

This system of religion [Christianity] is recognized as constituting a part and parcel of the common law.

*Shover v. The State, 10 Ark. 259, 263*

**25<sup>th</sup> State:** Jun 15, 1836    **Style:** American Neoclassicism    **Built:** 1915

# California Supreme Court (1980)

Freedom of religion is so fundamental to American history that it must be preserved even at the expense of other rights which have become institutionalized by the Democratic process.

*Devin Walker v. First Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 760-028.9*

**31<sup>st</sup> State:** Sep 9, 1850    **Style:** American Neoclassicism    **Built:** 1860-1874

# Colorado's State Motto (1861) and State Seal (1877)

Nil sine numine

“Nothing without the Deity”

**38<sup>th</sup> State:** Aug 1, 1876    **Style:** American Neoclassical    **Built:** 1894

# Connecticut's Great Seal (1784) and State Motto (1788)

*Qui Transtulit Sustinet*

“He Who Transplanted Still Sustains”

**5<sup>th</sup> State:** Jan 9, 1788

**Style:** Victorian Gothic

**Built:** 1879

## **Delaware Constitution Preamble (1897)**

**Through Divine Goodness, all men have, by nature,  
the rights of worshiping and serving their Creator  
according to the dictates of their consciences.**

**1<sup>st</sup> State:** Dec 7, 1787

**Style:** Georgian Colonial Revival

**Built:** 1933



**Florida's Great Seal (1868):** In God We Trust

**Motto (2006):** Governor Jeb Bush signed House Bill No. 1145 adopting *In God We Trust* as the official state motto of Florida, effective July 1, 2006.

**27<sup>th</sup> State:** Mar 3, 1845

**Style:** New Classicism

**Built:** 1977

**Georgia State Flag (2003):** In God We Trust

**Constitution Preamble (1777):** We, the people of Georgia,  
relying upon protection and guidance of Almighty God,  
do ordain and establish this Constitution.

**4<sup>th</sup> State:** Jan 2, 1788

**Style:** Renaissance Revival

**Built:** 1889

## **Constitution Preamble (1959)**

We, the people of Hawaii, grateful for Divine Guidance...  
dedicate our efforts to fulfill the philosophy decreed by the  
Hawaii State motto *Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono* ("The life  
of the land is perpetuated in righteousness").

50<sup>th</sup> State: Aug 21, 1959

**Style:** International Architecture

**Built:** 1969

## **Constitution Preamble (1889)**

**We, the people of the State of Idaho, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, to secure its blessings.**

**43<sup>rd</sup> State: July 3, 1890**

**Style: Renaissance Revival**

**Built: 1920**

## **Constitution Preamble (1870)**

We, the people of the State of Illinois, grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy and looking to Him for a blessing on our endeavors.

**21<sup>st</sup> State:** Dec 3, 1818    **Style:** French Renaissance    **Built:** 1889

## **Constitution Preamble (1851)**

**We, the People of the State of Indiana, grateful to Almighty God for the free exercise of the right to choose our own form of government, do ordain this Constitution.**

**19<sup>th</sup> State: Dec 11, 1816    Style: Renaissance Revival    Built: 1888**

## **Constitution Preamble (1857)**

We, the People of the State of Iowa, grateful to the Supreme Being for the blessings hitherto enjoyed, and feeling our dependence on Him for a continuation of these blessings establish this Constitution.

**29<sup>th</sup> State:** Dec 28, 1846

**Style:** Renaissance Revival

**Built:** 1886

# **Kansas Constitution Bill of Rights, Section 7 (1859)**

The right to worship God according to the dictates  
of conscience shall never be infringed.

**34<sup>th</sup> State:** Jan 29, 1861

**Style:** French Renaissance

**Built:** 1866-1906



## **Kentucky Latin Motto (2002)**

*Deo gratiam habeamus* "Let us be grateful to God"

A group of Lexington homeschoolers with the help of the bill's sponsor, Tom Riner (D-Louisville), wrote and were involved in the passing of HB 857.

**15<sup>th</sup> State:** Jun 1, 1792

**Style:** French Renaissance, Beaux-Arts      **Built:** 1910

## **Constitution Preamble (1921)**

We, the people of the State of Louisiana, grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political, economic, and religious liberties we enjoy.

**18<sup>th</sup> State:** Apr 30, 1812

**Style:** Art Deco

**Built:** 1932

## **Constitution Preamble (1820)**

We the people of Maine acknowledging with grateful hearts the goodness of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe in affording us an opportunity . . . and imploring God's aid and direction in its accomplishment.

**23<sup>rd</sup> State:** Mar 15, 1820    **Style:** Greek Revival    **Built:** 1832

## **Constitution Declaration of Rights (1867)**

**We, the people of the state of Maryland, grateful to  
Almighty God for our civil and religious liberty.**

**7<sup>th</sup> State: Apr 28, 1788    Style: Georgian    Built: 1779**

## Constitution Preamble (1780)

We, therefore, the people of Massachusetts, acknowledging with grateful hearts, the goodness of the Great Legislator of the universe, in affording us, in the course of His Providence . . . and devoutly imploring His direction.

**6<sup>th</sup> State:** Feb 6, 1788      **Style:** Federal      **Built:** 1798

## **Constitution Preamble (1897)**

**We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom...do ordain and establish this constitution.**

**26<sup>th</sup> State:** Jan 26, 1837      **Style:** Italianate      **Built:** 1878

## **Constitution Preamble (1857)**

**We, the people of the State of Minnesota, grateful to God for our civil and religious liberty, and desiring to perpetuate its blessings...do ordain and establish this Constitution.**

**32<sup>nd</sup> State:** May 11, 1858      **Style:** Italian Renaissance      **Built:** 1904

## **Constitution Preamble (1890)**

**We, the people of Mississippi in convention assembled, grateful to Almighty God, and invoking His blessing on our work.**

**20<sup>th</sup> State: Dec 10, 1817    Style: Beaux-Arts    Built: 1903**



# **Missouri Constitution, Article I, Section 5 (1845)**

That all men have a natural and indefeasible  
right to worship Almighty God. . .

**24<sup>th</sup> State:** Aug 10, 1821      **Style:** Roman Renaissance      **Built:** 1918

## **Constitution Preamble (1889, 1972)**

We the people of Montana grateful to God for the quiet beauty of our state, the grandeur of our mountains, the vastness of our rolling plains . . . do ordain and establish this constitution.

**41<sup>st</sup> State:** Nov 8, 1889    **Style:** American Renaissance    **Built:** 1902

**U.S. Supreme Court – Nebraska Legislature (1983)** To invoke Divine guidance on a public body entrusted with making the laws is not...an “establishment” of religion or a step toward establishment; it is simply a tolerable acknowledgment of beliefs widely held among the people of this country.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger delivered Court’s opinion in *Marsh v. Chambers*, 463 U.S. 783

**37<sup>th</sup> State:** Mar 1, 1867

**Style:** Art Deco

**Built:** 1924

## **Constitution Preamble (1864)**

**We the people of the State of Nevada, grateful to Almighty  
God for our freedom establish this Constitution.**

**36<sup>th</sup> State: Oct 31, 1864**

**Style: Neo-Classical**

**Built: 1871**

# **New Hampshire Constitution, Bill of Rights, Article 5 (1784)**

Every individual has a natural and unalienable right to worship God . . . and no subject shall be hurt, molested, or restrained . . . for worshipping God.

**9<sup>th</sup> State:** Jun 21, 1788    **Style:** Georgian    **Built:** 1819

## **New Jersey Constitution, Article I, Section 3 (1947)**

No person shall be deprived of the inestimable  
privilege of worshipping Almighty God.

**3<sup>rd</sup> State:** Dec 18, 1787    **Style:** Georgian    **Built:** 1792

# Constitution Preamble (1911)

We, the People of New Mexico, grateful to  
Almighty God for the blessings of liberty

**47<sup>th</sup> State:** Jan 6, 1912      **Style:** Post Modernism      **Built:** 1966

## **New York Constitution, Article 1, Section 3 (1938)**

The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, shall forever be allowed in this state to all humankind.

**11<sup>th</sup> State:** Jul 26, 1788    **Style:** Richardsonian Romanesque    **Built:** 1879



## **Constitution Preamble (1868)**

We, the people of the State of North Carolina, grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations, for our civil, political and religious liberties, and acknowledging our dependence upon Him for the continuance of those blessings.

**12<sup>th</sup> State:** Nov 21, 1789    **Style:** Greek Revival    **Built:** 1840

## **Constitution Preamble (1889)**

**We, the people of North Dakota, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, do ordain and establish this constitution.**

**39<sup>th</sup> State: Nov 2, 1889**

**Style: Art Deco**

**Built: 1935**

## **Ohio State Motto (1959): With God, all things are possible\***

In 1997, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the motto. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 in 2000 that the motto violated the separation of church and state. In 2001 the full court in a 9-4 decision reversed the decision of its own three-judge panel declaring that the motto does not violate the separation of church and state.

*\*based on Matthew 19:26*

**17<sup>th</sup> State:** Mar 1, 1803

**Style:** Greek Revival

**Built:** 1857

## **Constitution Preamble (1907)**

Invoking the guidance of Almighty God, in order to secure and perpetuate the blessings of liberty...we, the people of the State of Oklahoma, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

**46<sup>th</sup> State:** Nov 16, 1907      **Style:** Greco-Roman      **Built:** 1917

# **Oregon Bill of Rights, Article 1, Section 2 (1857)**

All men shall be secure in the Natural right, to worship  
Almighty God according to the dictates of their consciences.

**33<sup>rd</sup> State:** Feb 14, 1859

**Style:** Art Deco

**Built:** 1938

## **Constitution Preamble (1776)**

**We, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,  
grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and  
religious liberty, and humbly invoking His guidance.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> State: Dec 12, 1787**

**Style: Beaux-Arts**

**Built: 1906**

## Constitution Preamble (1842)

We, the people of the State of Rhode Island, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He hath so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing.

**13<sup>th</sup> State:** *May 29, 1790*      **Style:** Neo-Classical      **Built:** 1900

**South Carolina Executive Proclamation (1994):** WHEREAS, We each have been richly blessed by The Almighty whose divine providence our founding fathers sought as they established these United States of America . . . WHEREAS, The importance of our Christian Heritage to the institutions, values and vision of our nation is immeasurable . . . THEREFORE, I, Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., Governor of the State of South Carolina, proclaim November 20-26, 1994, as “CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK” in South Carolina.

**8<sup>th</sup> State:** May 23, 1788

**Style:** Roman Revival

**Built:** 1869



# **South Dakota's State Motto and Seal (1889) and Flag (1992)**

Under God the People Rule

**40<sup>th</sup> State:** Nov 2, 1889

**Style:** Georgian Revival

**Built:** 1910

## **Tennessee Constitution, Article 1, Section 3 (1870)**

**That all men have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own conscience.**

**16<sup>th</sup> State:** Jun 1, 1796    **Style:** Greek Revival    **Built:** 1851

**Granite Monument (1961):** A 6-foot-high monolith inscribed with the Ten Commandments is located on Texas Capitol grounds.

The Supreme Court on June 27, 2005, ruled in favor of the display handing down a 5-4 decision that reversed the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals' decision that would have had the monument removed.

**28<sup>th</sup> State:** Dec 29, 1845    **Style:** Renaissance Revival    **Built:** 1888

# Utah Constitution Preamble (1896)

Grateful to Almighty God for life and liberty,  
we establish this Constitution.

**45<sup>th</sup> State:** Jan 4, 1896

**Style:** Neo-Classical

**Built:** 1915

## **Vermont Constitution, Chapter 1, Article 3**

That all persons have a natural and unalienable right,  
to worship Almighty God, according to the dictates  
of their own consciences and understandings.

**14<sup>th</sup> State:** Mar 4, 1791    **Style:** Renaissance Revival    **Built:** 1859

## **Virginia Bill of Rights, Article XVI (1776)**

Religion, or the Duty which we owe our Creator, can be directed by reason and conviction...that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love and charity towards each other.

**10<sup>th</sup> State:** Jun 25, 1788      **Style:** Neo-Classical      **Built:** 1788

## **Constitution Preamble (1889)**

**We, the People of the State of Washington, grateful  
to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for our  
liberties, do ordain this Constitution.**

**42<sup>nd</sup> State: Nov 11, 1889      Style: Renaissance Revival      Built: 1927**

## **Constitution Preamble (1872)**

Since through Divine Providence we enjoy the blessings of civil, political and religious liberty, we, the people of West Virginia reaffirm our faith in and constant reliance upon God.

**35<sup>th</sup> State:** Jun 20, 1863      **Style:** Italian Renaissance      **Built:** 1925



## **Constitution Preamble (1848)**

**We, the people of Wisconsin, grateful to Almighty God  
for our freedom . . . do establish this constitution.**

**30<sup>th</sup> State: May 29, 1848**

**Style: Beaux-Arts**

**Built: 1909**

## **Constitution Preamble (1890)**

**We, the people of the State of Wyoming, grateful to God for our civil, political, and religious liberties establish this Constitution.**

**44<sup>th</sup> State: Jul 10, 1890**

**Style: Renaissance Revival**

**Built: 1888**