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“...the Spirit of life in Christ set me free from the law of sin and death”(Romans 8:2)



Freedom Scriptures

#1 2 Corinthians 3:17 Spirit of the Lord

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Freedom.

#2 Romans 8:21 - Children of God

creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

#3 John 8:32 - Truth

and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

#4 Galatians 5:1- Jesus Christ set us Free!

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

#5 Luke 4:18-19- Teach others about the freedom in Christ

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are downtrodden, To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord." (con't page 5)

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Vision:

To transform and enhance the lives of men through daily conference prayer sessions and study of the word; while touching the heart of God.

Mission:

1. To help men build an intimate relationship with God, not neglecting one another, but coming together in prayer and fellowship.
2. To be a ministry that is a haven of rest for weary souls by offering the free gift of salvation which was provided to us through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.
3. To bring the whole man (spirit, soul and body) into an alliance with the father God so that he may live in dominion and be the conqueror that God has ordained him to be before the foundation of the world.

Freemen's Bureau

By: Minister Robert Parker

The month of March is filled with significant events that occurred throughout history; from the Ides of March in the Roman Republic to the U.S. Supreme Court upholding key provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Another significant day was March 3, 1865, on this day the Federal Government established the Freedmen Bureau. After the Civil War President Abraham Lincoln pushed for the passing of the 13th Amendment and



the Freedmen's Bureau Bill to assist newly freed slaves and white southerners displaced due to the war. The bureau was created as a temporary agency to assist freedmen to make the transition to freedom. The bureau was placed under control of the US Army. The bureau was given huge responsibilities. It was to help freedmen obtain land, gain an education, negotiate (work out), labor contracts with white planters, settle legal and criminal arguments involving black and white people, provide food, medical care and

provide food, medical care and transportation for black and white people left poor after the war.

The need for assistance was desperate. Thousands of black and white southerners dealt with extreme poverty in the months after the war ended. The bureau started camps for the homeless, fed the hungry, and cared for orphans and the sick the best it could. It distributed more than 13 million food boxes—consisting of flour, corn meal, and sugar by 1866.

The bureau provided medical care to a half million freedmen and thousands of white people who were suffering from smallpox, yellow fever, cholera, and pneumonia.

One of the lasting legacies of the Freedmen Bureau was the creation of Higher Education institute for African-Americans. Despite the untimely dissolution of the Freedman's Bureau, its legacy still lives on through historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). From 1866 until its termination in 1872, an estimated 25 institutions of higher learning for black youth were established many of which remain in operation today (for example, St. Augustine's College, Fisk University, Johnson C. Smith University, Clark Atlanta University, Dillard University, Shaw University, Virginia Union University, and Tougaloo College).

Perhaps the best known of these institutes is Howard University, founded in Washington, D.C., in 1867, with the aid of the Freedmen's Bureau. It was named for the commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, General Oliver Otis Howard.

Submitted By: Minister Robert Parker

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“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord....”

Why Should We Pray

From AllAboutGod.com

To whom do we pray?

Before we can answer, "why should we pray," we must know to whom we pray. There is only one supreme Creator and sovereign God. There is only one way to Him and that is through His only- Son, Jesus Christ. God, our Heavenly Father, is the only one we can be assured of who hears and answers our prayers. He is the God of amazing love, mercy, and forgiveness.

1. By Him, all things are possible. Jesus says in Mark 10:27, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."
2. Daniel 9:18 tells us: "We do not ask because we deserve help, but because you are so merciful." (Mercy means showing favor, compassion, and kindness.)
3. God's ultimate evidence of love is forgiveness of the sins each of us have committed. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it" (John 3:16-17).

He is the only God who has done this, and is the only God able to do so. But His enemy, Satan, has sent many false gods to deceive mankind.

Do not be deceived nor allow anything or anyone to take priority over the only true and living God.

"God's ultimate demonstration of love is forgiveness of sin"

For what do we pray?

Prayer is the key to the heart of God. Prayer is the only way to a real and personal relationship with God.

1. Pray acknowledging He is God, and that you accept His gracious gift, Jesus Christ, as your Lord and Savior (Genesis 17:1, Romans 6:16-18).
2. Pray confessing our sins and accepting His forgiveness (Romans 3:23-26).
3. Pray that His will be done in our lives, that His Holy Spirit guide us, and that we be filled with the fullness of all God has for us.
4. Pray for (spiritual) understanding and wisdom (Proverbs 2:6-8, 3:5).
5. Pray with thanksgiving for all the ways He blesses us (Philippians 4:6). Pray when we are ill, lonely, going through trials or interceding for others (James 5:14-16, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10).
6. Pray to worship Him (Psalm 95:6-7).

There is nothing we can't pray about. There are abundant references to prayer in the Bible. The Bible tells us to "pray without ceasing" and "in everything give thanks to the Lord." When we choose to have a positive attitude, we realize we have received many blessings for which to give God praise.

We find intimacy with God through communicating with Him in prayer. We go to Him in faith, knowing that He hears and answers all our prayers (1 John 5:14). Be confident that God knows and wants what is best for us; so ask that His will be done in all we seek from Him. Then, thank Him for it, even though it hasn't happened yet.

How do we pray?

Jesus gave his disciples, what we call, "The Lord's Prayer" (Matthew 6) as a model. In addition, Hebrews 4:14-16 tells us we can pray boldly -- "That is why we have a great High Priest who has gone to heaven, Jesus the Son of God. Let us cling to him and never stop trusting him. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us in the time when we are in need of it.

Above all, pray with sincerity, honor, and humbleness before the Almighty God. "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results" (James 5:16).

Prayers for Men

From AllAboutGod.com

Prayer for Fathers

Creator God, thank you for creating me to share in the conception of life, and share in the responsibility of raising my children. I ask that you would help me as I train up my children to know you and love you. As I look to you as my Father, may I give your love to my children. God, give me the compassion and tenderness my children need. Give me courage and strength to live according to your guidance and wisdom. Help me correct them when needed and encourage them always. In Jesus' name, amen.

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, I pray for my brothers and sisters who are serving their country. Protect all who are serving our country in uniform as they complete their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. Let the power of your love enable our soldiers to return home in safety to those who love them. May they praise you for your loving care. In Jesus' name, amen.

Prayer for Leaders

Father God, You are infinite and all-knowing. Please give me wisdom to be the leader you have called me to be -- in my home and in business. There are many choices and sometimes I fall short. Give me guidance as I strive to be the leader you want me to be in my home, at my place of employment, and in the community in which I live. Help me to lead with integrity and be an example of you to others. I ask this through my Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

Prayer for Husbands

God, thank you for my wife. She is a gift from you. Help me to be quick to forgive, ready to encourage, and always available to her. Give me guidance as I seek to meet her needs and be her leader. Help me be faithful to her in my mind, thoughts, and heart. Keep us focused on you as we go through trials and times of conflict. Help us to work out conflict in a way that honors you. I commit my marriage to you. In Jesus' name, amen.

May the God of peace Himself make husbands entirely pure and devoted to God; and may his spirit, soul, and body be kept strong and blameless until that day when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again (1 Thes. 5:23)

Prayer For My Marriage

I pray Lord, who gives patience, faithfulness, and encouragement, help us to live in complete harmony with each other, each of us with the attitude of Christ toward the other (Rom. 15:5). As a result, may we live happily in your love through all the days of life (Ecc. 9:9).

May I be faithful and true to my wife, rejoicing in her, and her alone. May her tender embrace alone satisfy me. May her love alone fill me with delight. (Prov. 5:15, 18, 19). May I realize that a good wife is worth more than precious gems. Let her know she can put her trust in me and that I am dedicated to her all my days. In Jesus Name, Amen.



Bible Puzzle

as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

#8 Romans 6:18 - Righteousness

and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

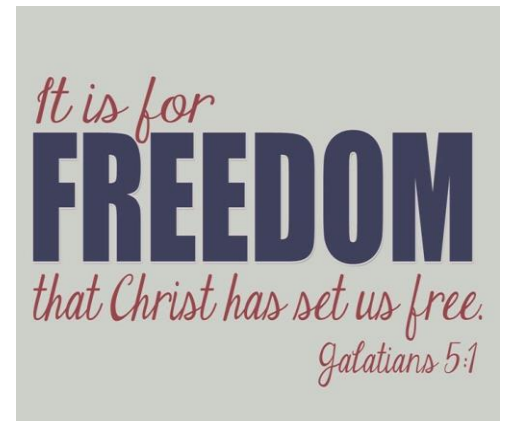
#9 Romans 6:22 - Eternal Life

But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

#10 Psalm 119:45 - Liberty

And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Thy precepts.

I pray that these Bible Verses for Independence Day were helpful to you today. If you are a Christian and share the freedom that is from Christ, I encourage you to reflect on this freedom and show love to others by sharing your faith.



Bible Wordsearch **The Two Witnesses**

Wordsearch 207 Rev. 11:1-10

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Freedom Scriptures

#6 Galatians 5:13 - Serve one another with Love

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

#7 1 Peter 2:13-17- Honor and Love

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. Act as free men. and do not use your freedom