

8 Things to Thank God for in America Today

News reports focus on turmoil and tragedy, so it's easy to forget that we—Americans—live in the richest, freest, nation in the history of the world. Any honest inventory of our blessings would be many pages long, but here are eight to get started.

1. Freedom – Thank God for the freedom of religion, allowing us to practice our faith freely and participate in the democratic process, guided by our moral and ethical beliefs—unlike people living in communist countries like China and North Korea. (1 Peter 2:16)

2. Opportunity – Thank God for the ability we have in America to work hard, contribute to our communities, and pursue our dreams freely. (Proverbs 13:4)

3. Healthcare – Thank God for state-of-the-art medical care. America's cutting-edge medical research and innovations lead to breakthrough treatments and technologies that many around the world do not have access to. (Philippians 4:19)

4. Diversity – Thank God for how America reflects the diversity of His creation. Because America is a melting pot of ethnicities, we can enjoy the best foods and traditions from around the world right here in our local communities. We can interact with and learn from people of all backgrounds. (1 Corinthians 12:12-30)

5. Generosity – Thank God for our ability to give time, money, and resources to those in need. America has been blessed with immense resources, and we are able to share those resources with communities and countries around the world. (Acts 20:35)

6. National Security – Thank God for a strong military that defends us both here and abroad. America has the best military in the world, with hundreds of thousands of men and women putting their lives on the line so that we can live peacefully. (Matthew 5:9)

7. Justice – Thank God for a justice system that is designed to uphold the principles of due process, fairness, and the rule of law, ensuring that all individuals are treated equally and can seek justice. (Proverbs 21:15)

8. Natural Beauty – Thank God for the diverse landscapes we are able to enjoy from sea to shining sea. From stunning national parks to beautiful coastlines to red rock canyons, America has it all—reminding us of our magnificent Creator. (Psalm 19:1)

As you thank God for these blessings, feel free to add more of your own. America has its problems, but each one of us is fortunate to live here. May we never forget that and may we never cease thanking God for it.