

Point One – Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.... (Psalm 33: 12-22)

While the scripture is being read, put up pics that correspond....

12-15 - pics of churches/steeple/people praying

16, 17 - pics of military might/tanks, planes, aircraft carriers, troops, etc.

18-22 - pics of people worshipping, praying, etc.

Point Two – The Cost of Freedom

- Pic of Independence Hall w/signers of constitution
- Pic of the constitution itself
- Slide saying “Does Freedom Carry a Pricetag?”
- Transition into offering and communion thoughts with picture of Jesus before Pilate and Jesus being crucified

Point Three – What Would They Say?

This point asks the question “what would the signers think” of the movement in America to remove all references of God.

- I sent you an email page with numerous examples of faith on display; could you include several of these as I go through this point?
 - Moses w/commandments on façade of Supreme Court
 - Moses w/commandments inside the Supreme Court
 - Stained glass of Washington praying in chapel of US Capitol
 - Sculpture of cross/commandments in front of US District Court
 - Painting of Pocahontas baptism in US Capitol
 - Close up of “In God We Trust” on currency
 - Words to Pledge of Allegiance reference to “one nation under God”
- Can we end this section w/a picture of Arlington w/its rows of crosses?

Point Four – America, Bless God!

This point is an extremely abbreviated history on America and its founding; I spend a little time pointing out that while America was “undiscovered” until 1492, and talk about all that was going on in the rest of the world. Visuals would be great for:

- Temple in Jerusalem built in 1000 BC
- Great Wall of China began in 220 BC
- London established by Rome in 43 AD
- Rome burned in 64 AD while Nero fiddled
- 303 AD, Emperor Diocletian was persecuting Christians
- Still another 680 years until Vikings came as far south as New England...
- In 1492, Columbus discovered the new world
- In 1620, pilgrims landed at Plymouth
- September 6, 1774 marked the first meeting of the Continental Congress...
- End with a slide of the opening words of Psalm 35: 1 “*Contend, O Lord, with those who contend against me; fight against those who fight against me...*”