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"The happy union of these states is a wonder; their Constitution is a miracle; their example the hope of liberty throughout the world. Woe to the ambition that would meditate the destruction of either!" - James Madison,

**The Constitution of the United States
The "Miracle in Philadelphia" Was Grounded in America's Judeo-Christian Values**

Judeo-Christian values are foundational to America, beginning with the Declaration of Independence "endowed by their Creator" to the principles found in the U.S. Constitution honoring God-given Life and Liberty."

"Our Founding Fathers separated church from state, but they wisely did not separate God from state. They acknowledged God as the source of our rights and were careful to place Biblical morality directly into our founding documents and laws, and into our values and culture, precisely to help prevent a future totalitarian or tyrannical rule in America," wrote author Dr. Ronald R. Cherry ⁽¹⁾

It is alarming that many today have turned a blind eye to the required connection between God and Liberty and forgotten the warning from John Adams and Thomas Jefferson that Liberty cannot survive among men without its Divine connection.

"Remember that a Constitution which gives to the people so much freedom and entrusts them with so much power, rests for its permanency, on their knowledge and virtue," wrote Arthur Stansbury, in 1828. "An ignorant people are easily betrayed, and a wicked people can never be ruled by the mild influence of their own laws. If you would be free ... cultivate knowledge - flee from vice. The virtuous citizen is the true noble." ⁽²⁾

(Elementary Catechism on the Constitution of the U.S. (2); americanthinker.com, 9/15/07(1);
renewamerica.com, 5/5/11; thoughts.com,7/3/19; The 5,000 Year Leap)

Pope Francis and the Bishops of the United States have called for prayers for peace in the Holy Land after the strike by Hamas on Israel. Let each of us in our private and community prayer ask for God's blessings and comfort on those suffering barbaric violence and tragic loss.

Our prayers for peace must be constant and earnest that the fighting and death will end.