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Religious Freedom Benefits All

Countless studies show that when national well-being is measured, countries with higher levels of religious freedom have greater economic growth, social stability and national unity.

Our founders valued religious freedom because they believed it was one of the natural rights, the inalienable rights, endowed on every man by our creator. They knew that the morality and religious freedom protected and nurtured by our 1st Amendment would benefit each American and would be the protection of the many other individual rights set forth in our Constitution and Bill of Rights. They knew it was essential to peace and prosperity for each citizen.

Lack of religious freedom has fostered violence around the world and incited persecution and discrimination which is ongoing today in countless countries.

Annual reports from the non-denominational organization Open Doors track persecution of Christians worldwide. As of Jan. 2025 they report 310 million Christians, 1 in 7 worldwide, suffer extreme persecution.

The example and strength of America's religious freedom is a light to the rest of the world. However the denials of religious freedom to Americans increased with hundreds of attacks in the last four years on churches, shrines and life centers remaining unsolved, peaceful pro-life advocates only now being released from imprisonment due to unequally applied laws, etc.

Educating and speaking out on the facts and benefits of religious freedom will enable us to preserve it for our children and grandchildren.

Read more here: <https://tinyurl.com/38fcbn4> <https://tinyurl.com/43kyne2f>

“Today we are the witnesses. We will pray and we will speak. We will act together and invite others to join us. And we will never give up, never give in because we know: whether in chains or laurels religious freedom and liberty know nothing but victories!”

- William F. Murphy, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY