

Intro: The world has been criticizing and some Americans have been apologizing for America. American history books have gotten increasingly cynical and negative. In the midst of the negative, let's be positive.

Philippians 4:8 (ESV)

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

1. I love America because God has blessed us with a Constitution based on rights that are given by God.

Acts 17:24-27 (HCSB)

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it—He is Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in shrines made by hands.

²⁵ Neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives everyone life and breath and all things.

²⁶ From one man He has made every nation of men to live all over the earth and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live,

²⁷ so that they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.

“Democracy is an attempt to apply the principles of the Bible to a human society.” - Wallace Speers

I always consider the settlement of America with reverence and wonder, as the opening of a grand scene and design in providence, for the illumination of the ignorant and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth.

John Adams

2. I love America because God has blessed us with the privilege of praying for our leaders, and of electing our leaders to serve our nation.

Matthew 23:11 (HCSB)

¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (HCSB)

¹ First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

3. I love America because God has blessed us with an incredibly beautiful land.

Psalms 65:5-13 (HCSB)

⁵ You answer us in righteousness, with awe-inspiring works, God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas;

⁶ You establish the mountains by Your power, robed with strength;

⁷ You silence the roar of the seas, the roar of their waves, and the tumult of the nations.

⁸ Those who live far away are awed by Your signs; You make east and west shout for joy.

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly, enriching it greatly. God's stream is filled with water, for You prepare the earth in this way, providing [people] with grain.

¹⁰ You soften it with showers and bless its growth, soaking its furrows and leveling its ridges.

¹¹ You crown the year with Your goodness; Your ways overflow with plenty.

¹² The wilderness pastures overflow, and the hills are robed with joy.

¹³ The pastures are clothed with flocks, and the valleys covered with grain. They shout in triumph; indeed, they sing.

4. I love America because God has blessed us with military might and we have sought to use that might for rights rather than for riches.

(Dying around this world; not to subjugate but to make free; not to tax, but to turn loose, not an empire but independence ...)

Psalm 18:31-37 (HCSB)

³¹ For who is God besides the Lord? And who is a rock? Only our God.

³² God—He clothes me with strength and makes my way perfect.

³³ He makes my feet like the feet of a deer and sets me securely on the heights.

³⁴ He trains my hands for war; my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

³⁵ You have given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand upholds me, and Your humility exalts me.

³⁶ You widen [a place] beneath me for my steps, and my ankles do not give way.

³⁷ I pursue my enemies and overtake them; I do not turn back until they are wiped out.

5. I love America because there are no limits placed on what any individual can become. (Your parents do not determine your potential)

1 Samuel 16:6-7 (HCSB)

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and said, “Certainly the Lord’s anointed one is here before Him.”

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or his stature, because I have rejected him. Man does not see what the Lord sees, for man sees what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart.”

“Democracy ... is the only form of government that is founded on the dignity of man, not the dignity of some men, of rich men, of educated men, or of white men, but of all men. Its sanction is not the sanction of force, but the sanction of human nature.” - Robert Maynard Hutchins (1899-1977)

6. I love America because God has blessed us with born again believers who make a difference through their local churches.

Acts 16:5 (HCSB)

⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith and were increased in number daily.

Ephesians 5:25 (HCSB)

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as also Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Revelation 19:6-8 (HCSB)

⁶ Then I heard something like the voice of a vast multitude, like the sound of cascading waters, and like the rumbling of loud thunder, saying: Hallelujah—because our Lord God, the Almighty, has begun to reign!

⁷ Let us be glad, rejoice, and give Him glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has prepared herself.

⁸ She was permitted to wear fine linen, bright and pure. For the fine linen represents the righteous acts of the saints.

7. I love America because God has blessed us with a spirit of generosity for the poor.

Psalms 37:21 (HCSB)

²¹ The wicked borrows and does not repay, but the righteous is gracious and giving.

Proverbs 14:21 (ESV) ²¹ Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (HCSB)

⁶ Remember this: the person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.

⁷ Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not out of regret or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.

⁹ As it is written: He has scattered; He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.

8. I love America because God has blessed us with a spirit of creativity and boldness.

Genesis 1:1 (HCSB)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:26-27 (HCSB)

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female.

Joshua 1:6-8 (HCSB)

⁶ “Be strong and courageous, for you will distribute the land I swore to their fathers to give them as an inheritance.

⁷ Above all, be strong and very courageous to carefully observe the whole instruction My servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or the left, so that you will have success wherever you go.

⁸ This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to recite it day and night, so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do.

9. I love America because God has used us to share the gospel with the world.

Galatians 3:8 (HCSB)

⁸ Now the Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and foretold the good news to Abraham, saying, All the nations will be blessed in you.

Matthew 24:14 (HCSB)

¹⁴ This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world as a testimony to all nations. And then the end will come.

10. I love America because in spite of all of our faults and failures, God is not finished with us yet.

Jeremiah 33:2-3 (HCSB)

²“The Lord who made the earth, the Lord who forms it to establish it, the Lord is His name, says this: ³Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and wondrous things you do not know.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (HCSB)

¹¹For I know the plans I have for you”—[this is] the Lord’s declaration —“plans for [your] welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

¹²You will call to Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

¹³You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

¹⁴I will be found by you”—the Lord’s declaration—“and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and places where I banished you”—the Lord’s declaration. “I will restore you to the place I deported you from.”

Invitation: Praying for America, and for your part as an American.

Ezekiel 22:30 (HCSB)

³⁰I searched for a man among them who would repair the wall and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land so that I might not destroy it, but I found no one.