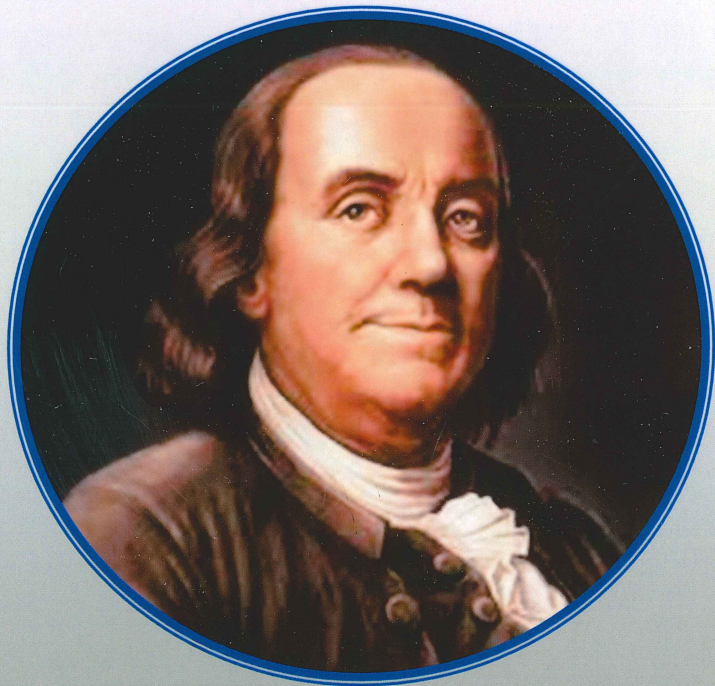


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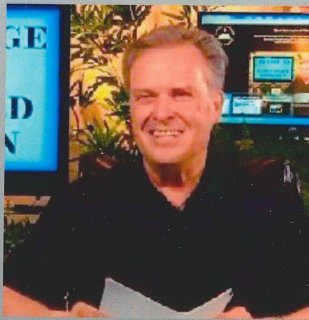
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Returned to His Puritan Roots &
The Puritan Vision of a Christian America

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Benjamin Franklin wanted prayer and Christian principles to be a part of every public venue in the new nation of which he was one of the most prominent Founders.

On June 28, 1787, when the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention had come to a halt because of regional strife, Franklin addressed the convention president, George Washington, with the following words:

How has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly appealing to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible to danger, we had daily prayers in this room for Divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard and they were graciously answered. I have lived, sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings that *except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it*. I firmly believe this. I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, prayers imploring the assistance of heaven and its blessing on our deliberation be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business.



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