

State Preambles

Connecticut:

"The People of this state.....by the Providence of God.....hath the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign, and independent state...and forasmuch as the free fruition of such liberties and privileges as humanity, civility, and Christianity call for us, as is due to every man in his place and proportion.....hath ever been, and will be the tranquility and stability of Churches and Commonwealth; and the denial thereof, the disturbances, if not the ruin of both."

Georgia:

"We, the people of Georgia, relying upon protection and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution."

Maryland:

"We, the people of the state of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberty (declare sacrificial rights)"

Massachusetts:

"We, therefore, the people of Massachusetts, acknowledging with grateful hearts, the goodness of the great Legislator of the universe, in affording us, in the course of his providence (an opportunity to form a compact).....and devoutly imploring His direction in so interesting design.....(establish this Constitution)

New York:

"We, the people of the state of New York, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure its blessings, do establish this Constitution."

South Carolina:

"We, the people of South Carolina, grateful for our liberties, do ordain and establish this Constitution."

State Constitution Exerpts

Delaware Constitution:

(The following oath of office was in force until 1792) "I do profess faith in God the Father, and in Jesus Christ his only son. And in the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for evermore; I do acknowledge the holy scriptures of Old and New Testaments to be given by divine inspiration"

North Carolina Constitution:

"That no person who shall deny the being of God, or the truth of the Protestant religion, or the divine authority of the Old or New Testaments, or who shall hold religious principles incompatible with freedom and safety of the state, shall be capable of holding any office or place of trust or profit in the civil department of the State"

Maryland Constitution:

"That no religious test ought ever to be required as a qualification for any office of profit or trust in this state, other than if declaration of belief in the existence of God"

Massachusetts Constitution

Provided, nevertheless, that no person shall be capable of being elected as a senator, who is not of the Christian religion.....article 2 section 5