

LAUS DEO - Above the Nation's Skyline

In our nation's capitol there can be no building of a greater height than the Washington Monument. Five hundred fifty-five feet 5 inches high. Overlooking sixty-nine square miles above the Potomac River, north of Virginia and stretching east and west toward Maryland, in the very center of the District of Columbia, our nation's Capitol. There in the very top point of this towering American monument for everyone to see is etched two words in Latin, composed of just four syllables and seven letters. The words are LAUS DEO, - Praise be to God!

From this vantage point atop this stately granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the Capitol City with its division into four geographic sectors, forming according to design, a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape. To the north is the White House. To the south the Jefferson Memorial. To the east the Capitol Dome; and to the west the magnificent Lincoln Memorial.

Praise be to God! Indeed! LAUS DEO.

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on our nation's Independence Day, July 4, 1848, deposited within it were many items, prominent of which was a copy of the Holy Bible. Following from the cornerstone up nearly nine hundred steps in the marble staircase, one reaches the twelfth Landing, where there is inscribed a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the twentieth Landing is a memorial presented by Chinese American Christians; on the twenty-fourth Landing, a presentation made by the Sunday School children of New York and Philadelphia, quoting the Book of Proverbs and the New Testament.

LAUS DEO!

Have you noticed how many people now, are coming together, affirming the fact that this nation was, from the beginning, a nation built on God? LAUS DEO! Any nation that is not built upon God will fail. Do you wonder why, when other nations fall into the abyss of history, the United States of America continues to prosper? The answer is that America has always been "One nation under God", as we swear in our Oath of Allegiance. LAUS DEO!

America is and has always been one of the few countries in the world established under the guidance, direction, and banner of Almighty God, to whom is given all praise, honor and worship by the men and women who formed and founded this beautiful country.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain"

"Unless the Lord watch over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain."

Hear President George Washington's prayer for our country:

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy Holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and finally, that Thou most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy Nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.."

LAUS DEO! LAUS DEO! LAUS DEO!