“To the distinguished character of patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.”
[May 2, 1778, at Valley Forge]

“What students would learn in American schools above all is the religion of Jesus Christ.”
[May 12, 1779, Speech to the Delaware Indian Chiefs]

“...reason and experience both forbid us to expect, that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle...”
[September 26, 1796, Farewell Address]

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”
[October 11, 1798, address to the military]

“I have examined all religions, as well as my narrow sphere, my straightened means, and my busy life, would allow; and the result is that the Bible is the best Book in the world. It contains more philosophy than all the libraries I have seen.”
[December 25, 1813, in a letter to Thomas Jefferson]

“The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.”
[June 28, 1813, in a letter to Thomas Jefferson]

“God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift from God?”
[1781, Jefferson’s Notes on the State of Virginia, Query XVIII]

“Of all the systems of morality, ancient or modern which have come under my observation, none appears to me so pure as that of Jesus.”
[September 18, 1813, Letter from Thomas Jefferson to William Canby]

“I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, and that His justice cannot sleep forever.”
[Inscribed on the walls of the Jefferson Memorial in the Nation’s capital]
“It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

[May 1765, Speech to the House of Burgesses]

“Righteousness alone can exalt them as a nation. Reader! Whoever thou art, remember this, and in thy sphere practice virtue thyself; and encourage it in others.”

[May 1765, Hand-written on the back of The Stamp Act Resolves]

“This is all the inheritance I can give my dear family. The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed.”

[Last Will and Testament]

“I have carefully examined the evidences of the Christian religion, and if I was sitting as a juror upon its authenticity I would unhesitatingly give my verdict in its favor. I can prove its truth as clearly as any proposition ever submitted to the mind of man.”

[1802, upon co-founding the Christian Constitutional Society]

“For my own part, I sincerely esteem it [the Constitution] a system which without the finger of God, never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests.”

[1787, after the Constitutional Convention]

“I have a tender reliance on the mercy of the Almighty, through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am a sinner. I look to Him for mercy — pray for me.”

[July 12, 1804, on his death bed]

“In regard to this Great Book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book.”

[September 7, 1864, upon receiving the gift of a Bible]

“I do not think I could myself, be brought to support a man for office, whom I knew to be an open enemy of, and scoffer at, religion.”

[July 31, 1846, in a handbill]

“I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States…to set apart and observe … a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.

[October 3, 1863, official Proclamation of Thanksgiving]