

Preamble to the United States Constitution

We the People, of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

After years of struggle for independence from Great Britain, the men who would later be known as the Founding Fathers gathered in Philadelphia in 1787 to form a government that would not only strengthen the new nation but unify it. Realizing that the country needed a stronger government than the one that had been established following the Revolutionary War, the founding fathers carefully considered what that government should stand for and then wrote the words that became the Constitution of the United States. This document of democracy, along with the Bill of Rights has guided our nation's government and people ever since.

promote the general welfare

What this means in “everyday language”

Why we feel this is the most important Preamble phrase?

***secure the Blessings of Liberty for ourselves
and our posterity***

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provide for the common defense

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establish justice

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in order to form a more perfect union

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insure domestic tranquility

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