



What are we fighting for

The Four Freedoms

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FREEDOM FROM WANT

"Freedom from Want" is more than just an expression by a great humanitarian. It is the release of mankind from the hopeless struggle of scratching the bare earth for subsistence. Too long have there been too many human beings doomed to hunger, privation and mere creature existence in a world supposedly civilized and at peace. These people, of all colors and nationalities and faiths, must have the foods and the goods of the world made accessible to them if the dignity of man is ever to reach its full stature.

No nation on earth enjoys the bounty with which our country has been endowed. We have everything for a comfortable and full life. Our riches of

the earth and the products they yield have offered incentive and reward to our people. They have enabled us to make America a land of homes and to establish the highest standard of living ever known.

It has always been thoroughly American to consider that the resources of our land belong to all of the people and that all should benefit from whatever should be derived from them. This is the democratic principle behind the belief of the big majority of Americans that our country must offer a fair opportunity to work and sufficient sustenance for all.

The wealth of our nation and the resourcefulness of our people are ample to provide the necessities of life for those who are in need. Our country is the most productive one there is in a world where all countries have become interdependent and where international commerce is ever more necessary, especially if further strides in America and greater world progress are to be realized. The peoples of all nations must therefore have access to the ample resources of the world and be free to enjoy them.

When nations can be freed from economic want they can flourish as we have, and then individual wants for the basic necessities of life can and will disappear from the world. This freedom will lift men all over the world still higher above the animal kingdom and establish man's full dignity everywhere. America points the way and will win the triumph to preserve it.

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