



The Promise of New Life

Philadelphia in January 1776 was a city alive with debate, printing presses, and revolutionary fervor.

The chill of winter was tempered by fiery arguments in taverns, meeting houses, and around dinner tables throughout the colonies—whether to seek reconciliation with England or to move boldly toward independence and war.

Into this atmosphere of uncertainty, a light of hope shone as mothers and fathers welcomed newborn children, cradling them with wonder at what promise lay sleeping in their arms.

The cries of new life echoed into the thoughts and plans of the people, even as the Continental Congress prepared to hear the words that would define a nation

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty stands with the Founding Fathers in affirming this God-given right to life—especially the sacred promise found in our pre-born—recognizing that the defense of life remains the cornerstone of liberty.

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