

STATEMENT BY J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ON CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING DAY. NOVEMBER 23, 1950.

In the strains and uncertainties of 1950, we in South Carolina should not forget to pause on this Thanksgiving Day to offer prayers of gratitude to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon us. The material blessings of our people are more manifold today than they have been in many generations. Such blessings, however, are as nothing compared with the greater blessings of a free people, such as political and religious freedom, which so many other people are denied today.

On thanksgiving Day let us remember, also, to pray for the thousands of Americans who are giving their lives on the battlefields of Korea, fighting to protect the blessings we enjoy here at home, and sacrificing themselves to hasten the day when mankind may know the greatest earthly blessing of all, a permanent world peace.

Again I say, let us thank God for our many blessings on this day.

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