



# What are we fighting for

The Four Freedoms

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## FREEDOM FROM FEAR



**N**O right thinking people want a war, but they will fight one in order to have peace. They know that only while there is peace can there be real freedom, and that happiness and progress are the fruits of peace. The happiness of home and family is destroyed if it is haunted by the constant fear that fathers, sons, husbands and sweethearts may have to sacrifice their lives, no matter how noble the purpose.

We in America are engaged in a great world struggle . . . not just because our peace was treacherously violated, but because threatening forces were gaining strength in the world to carry out their long laid plans for the destruction of all peace-loving and liberty-loving people. We are in this war to win it, not just for America, but for all the peoples of the earth—both for those whose governments safeguard the individual's rights and liberties and for those who have helplessly and unwittingly become the victims of vicious and unscrupulous leaders.

The people of warlike nations or those who are forced to live always in preparation for war are inevitably doomed to privation and misery and to the loss

of their liberty. They become underprivileged and unhappy and fall easy prey to the deceptions that are practiced upon them. Compare this with our country which has lived most of its national life in friendship and in peace. We have been able to devote ourselves almost continuously to the pursuits of self-development and constructive projects, with the result that America has been the pace-setter of world progress and become the leader of the nations.

With the world drawn closer together through commerce, communication and aviation, it is clear that amicable neighborliness, economic freedom and mutual assistance must be the order of the day if we are to have permanent peace and continued world progress. Then all people can live free of the frustration that comes from the fear that war may put an end to all their hopes and ambitions. America will see to it that the United Nations win the present war and that all of the peoples of the world win the peace that will follow. It must be a world where all people shall be free of fear, where "swords will be beaten into ploughshares" and where there will be "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

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