

Four Freedoms Key Points

In the speech, Roosevelt says:

“In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

The **first** is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world.

The **second** is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world.

The **third** is freedom from want—which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants—everywhere in the world.

The **fourth** is freedom from fear—which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor—anywhere in the world.

That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation. That kind of world is the very antithesis of the so-called new order of tyranny which the dictators seek to create with the crash of a bomb.”

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, excerpted from the State of the Union Address to the Congress, January 6, 1941