

# Every Second Counts For Freedom: Making Our Voices Heard

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*"Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who does nothing because he could do only a little."*

Edmund Burke

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*"Politics ought to be the part-time profession  
of every citizen who would protect the rights  
and privileges of free men."*

Dwight Eisenhower

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*"Our children should learn the general framework of their government and then they should know where they come in contact with the government, where it touches their daily lives and where their influence is exerted on the government. It must not be a distant thing, someone else's business, but they must see how every cog in the wheel of a democracy is important and bears its share of responsibility for the smooth running of the entire machine."*

Eleanor Roosevelt

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*"We have government by the majority  
who participate."*

Thomas Jefferson

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*"The redemption of captives receives priority over sustaining the poor and providing them with clothing. [Indeed,] there is no greater mitzvah than the redemption of captives. For a captive is among those who are hungry, thirsty, and unclothed and he is in mortal peril. If someone pays no attention to his redemption, he violates the negative commandments: "Do not harden your heart or close your hand" (Deuteronomy 15:7), "Do not stand by when the blood of your neighbor is in danger" (Leviticus 19:16), and "He shall not oppress him with exhausting work in your presence" (ibid. 25:53). And he has negated the observance of the positive commandments: "You shall certainly open up your hand to him" (Deuteronomy 15:8), "And your brother shall live with you" (ibid. 19:18), "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18), "Save those who are taken for death" (Proverbs 24:11), and many other decrees of this nature. There is no mitzvah as great as the redemption of captives."*

**Maimonides, Laws of Gifts for the Poor, Chapter 8, 10-12**

translated by Eliyahu Touger

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*"Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may thrive and occupy the land that your God is giving you."*

Deuteronomy, 16:20

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*“You have been told, O mortal, what is good,  
And what God requires of you:  
Only to do justice  
And to love goodness,  
And to walk modestly with your God”*

Micah, 6:8

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*"Liberty is one of the most precious gifts which heaven has bestowed on man; with it we cannot compare the treasures which the earth contains or the sea conceals; for liberty, as for honor, we can and ought to risk our lives; and, on for the other hand, captivity is the greatest evil that can befall man."*

Miguel de Cervantes

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*"Liberty, taking the word in its concrete sense, consists in the ability to choose."*

Simone Weil

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*“Freedom is the right  
to live as we wish”*

Epictetus

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*“Life without liberty  
is like a body without spirit”*

**Kahlil Gibran**

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*“Freedom is the last,  
best hope of Earth”*

Abraham Lincoln

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