

There are four instances of explicit God-talk in the Declaration of Independence:

1. in the first paragraph: the use of the term "*God*" in saying that "the laws of nature and of nature's God" entitle a people that has dissolved its political bands with another to assume a separate and equal station among the powers of the earth;

2. in the second paragraph: the use of the term "*Creator*" in saying that "all men are created equal" and that "they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights";

3. in the first sentence of the last paragraph: the use of the term "*the Supreme Judge of the world*" in appealing to such for "the rectitude of our intentions"; and

4. in the last sentence of the last paragraph: the use of the term "*Divine Providence*" in professing "a firm reliance on the protection " thereof.