

## Winston Churchill's Speech to the House of Commons, May 13, 1940

(The final paragraph of his first speech after becoming Prime Minister, arranged ABBA)

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We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind.  
We have before us many, many long months of struggle and suffering.

You ask, what is our **policy**?

I will say: It is to **wage war** by sea, land and air,  
with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us;  
to **wage war** against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark, lamentable catalog  
of human crime.

That is our **policy**.

You ask, what is our **aim**?

I can answer in one word: **victory**,  
**victory** at all costs,  
**victory** in spite of all terror,  
**victory**, however long and hard the road may be;  
for without victory, there is **no survival**.

Let that be realized; **no survival** for the British Empire,  
**no survival** for all that the British Empire has stood for,  
**no survival** for the urge and impulse of the ages,  
that mankind will move forward towards its **goal**.

But I take up my task with buoyancy and hope.

I feel sure that our cause will not be suffered to fail among men.

At this time I feel entitled to claim the aid of all,  
and I say, "Come then, let us go forward together with our united strength."