

What does July 4th mean to you?

As we celebrate on this 4th of July with family and friends, let us remember that on July 4, 1776, the early draft of the constitution of the United States was signed. We are only 6 years away from our nation's 250th year anniversary and only 56 years from the 300th anniversary!

What was the basis of American independence? The general principles on which independence was achieved were the general principles of Christianity. This 4th of July, let us ponder on where we are as a nation and where we should be as a nation in reference to our relationship to the Lord!

Let us put our total focus on the Lord, our God, our love for Him and His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, as we meditate on this song: [Wonderful, Merciful Savior by Selah.](#)

Prayers and Scriptures for this July 4th:

Father, we thank you from the depths of our hearts for this United States of America that You birthed from Your foundations. We are eternally grateful for the freedoms You have blessed us with in this country as we celebrate another "Independence Day"! (James 1:17-18)

Lord, God, we come humbly, pleading for Your mercy, asking You to send Your Holy Spirit to soften our hearts and for us to turn back to You at this "Tipping Point" in our country. (2Chron 7:13-14)

Abba, Father, let all doubts and fears pale in Your light, and let our desire be to glorify You and be totally surrendered to our Savior, Jesus Christ. (Ps 115:1; Is 42:5, John 3:16)

Lord, may all division be diffused as we seek Your harmony and unity as the "Body of Christ" at Burnt Hickory and throughout Your churches in this nation. (1Cor 1:10-17, 12:12-31)

Gracious Father, may we continue to reach out to reflect Your light so others will see Jesus in us and our deeds, so that we may share the good news of the gospel with everyone our lives touch. (Matt 5:16)

Lord, turn what has been meant for evil into a great revival and spiritual awakening, spreading throughout our nation and the world. (Is 57:15; Ps 85:6)

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