

Daily Devotion For The 4th of July

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Yesterday for our Call To Worship, I read from the above scripture passage. Today, July 4th commemorates the day in 1776 that our nation declared itself to be an independent nation and no longer a colony of England. On that date, our Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, stating our determination to become a free country.

But independence didn't come easily. The first years as a free nation were far from problems and controversies as we see in our nation today. But our forefathers were determined to establish a free and democratic system of government, and the Declaration of Independence together with the Constitution and Bill of Rights became the foundation for this. They have stood the test of time, and on July 4th we give thanks for the wisdom and faith and courage of those leaders.

Although the 4th of July is not a religious holiday like Christmas or Easter, for many Americans today is a time to reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. Molded into the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia are these words from the Bible: "**Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof**" (Leviticus 25:10, KJV). Our legal system reflects our Judeo-Christian roots.

While we look with gratitude to the past on this July 4th, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will. The ancient words of the Psalmist are still true: "**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord**" Psalm 33:12.

Thought For Today: Reflect on what it means to be an American. What freedoms do you enjoy that are not afforded to people from other nations.

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that we will be "**One Nation Under God.**" Give thanks for the freedoms you enjoy. Deo Volente.