

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, USA

“ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL”

Our great country has survived for over 235 years under the Almighty hand of God -- in spite of all the attacks from within and without.

Perhaps now is the time for us to reconsider our commitment as a nation to the God of the Universe, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, and the Backbone of our Freedom.

We are losing respect all over the world by the statements and actions of our present leaders. The media and the theater are producing more and more violence and sexual permissiveness -- and feeding it to our younger generation as the norm for today.

The Bible, God's Love Letter to men and women of all ages, lays out the pattern for proper behavior, healthy lifestyles, and fulfilling our years with success.

We can start off by looking at a very important verse of Scripture -- *“If My people, (Christians) which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways -- then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land”* (2 Chronicles 7:14).

We have always been known as a “Christian Nation” built upon the Love of God, the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross, and the Guidance of the Holy Spirit -- and have been looked up to for an example of Freedom -- but lately we have slid down to ridicule and the wrath of nations around the world that we have helped and offered guidance and money -- only to have them turn against us and hold us hostage as they follow the ambitions of unGodly leaders that are attempting by all means to bring us down.

We must do all in our power to regain the position and example of a God-Fearing and God-Honoring nation -- and we can do it IF we return to the principals of our forefathers and honor God as they did when founding this Great Nation.

King Solomon put it this way, *“Righteousness exalts a nation -- but -- sin is a reproach to any people”* (Proverbs 14:34). We must restore the integrity we once had -- we must as a nation return to the God given principles of morality and uprightness we once held so dear.

We are wallowing in the mire of liberalism and corruption. What has happened to our integrity and diligence that once prevailed? It seems like compromise and turning a blind eye prevails today. We must stop playing politics.

We still have a Great Nation and if we join hands in taking God at His Word and following His Commandments we can once again hold our heads high and proud.

If we follow the Apostle Paul's admonition -- *“I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings (presidents) and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and Reverence”* (1 Timothy 2:1-2) -- then we will see a change in our leaders.

As we celebrate this most Patriotic Holiday let us never forget exactly what the Forth of July means to us all -- that we can enjoy the words of Abraham Lincoln -- that “the government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth” -- and the words of our Declaration of Independence -- “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness” shall always be our Hope and Prayer -- ONE NATION UNDER GOD! -- HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!

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