

“inDEPENDENCE day”

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When the United States first declared independence, there were only _____ people living here.

Today, over _____ people celebrate the Fourth of July.

How Does July 4th Affect Us?

Some are afraid that (especially in the church) we will _____.

Exodus 6:10-12 (NIV)

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...

Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

I am afraid America will _____.

“The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.”

John Adams to his wife Abigail

“When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

Psalms 11:3 (NIV)

“The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teaching of the Bible . . . that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country.

Former President Calvin Coolidge

“This is what the Lord says: ‘Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’”

Jeremiah 6:16 (NIV)

I Celebrate Our Nation’s inDEPENDENCE Well When

I _____.

This includes **the** _____.

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“The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: It connected...the principles of Christianity with the principles of civil government.”

John Quincy Adams

“The foundations of our country were laid under the divine light of the Christian religion.”

Daniel Webster

“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Patrick Henry

“Do not let anyone claim to be a true American, if they ever attempt to remove religion from politics...(We cannot) maintain national morality in exclusion of religious principles.”

George Washington

Psalms 33:16-18 (NLT)

I _____ (1 Peter 2:11-12 NIV)

“Whatever it is that makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens.”

Daniel Webster

I need to _____ (1 Timothy 2:1-3 NIV)

Your laws ignore our deepest needs
Your words are empty air.
You’ve stripped away our heritage
You’ve outlawed simple prayer.
Now gunshots fill our classrooms
And our precious children die.
You seek for answers everywhere
And you ask the question why.
You regulate restrictive laws
Through legislative creed.
And yet you fail to understand
That God is what we need!
Doland Scott