

# INDEPENDENCE DAY



**Tuesday, July 4, 2017**

On July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from Britain and Democracy was born. Every day thousands leave their homeland to come to the "land of the free and the home of the brave" so they can begin their American Dream. The United States is truly a diverse nation made up of dynamic people. Each year on July 4, Americans celebrate that freedom and independence with barbecues, picnics, and family gatherings. As we celebrated this Day of Independence with our family and friends, let us give thanks to The Almighty God for the great blessings He has bestowed upon us as a Nation, as a City, and as a Parish. Let us take time out of our day and say a prayer giving thanks to Almighty God for all of those blessings seen and unseen.

**May GOD continue to bless and guide all of you and your families.**

## **A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

O Lord Jesus our God, the God of mercies and compassion, today, as a nation, we stand as our forefathers have stood before Thee in times gone by celebrating our history and giving thanks for all of the good things that our country has achieved. On this day we rejoice in the blessings that Thou hast graciously given us. We thank Thee for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank Thee for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice. We thank Thee for all of Thy blessings seen and unseen.

As a nation and children of God, we have not always chosen the right path. For this, we ask and beg Thy forgiveness. On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving Thee, the only true God. With everything that we are, we put our full faith and trust in Thee and we ask that you continue to watch over us, guide us, and lead us on that path towards salvation during which we may become God-Loving People, a Holy Nation abiding in love and unity for the sake of the land of the free and home of the brave and for all peoples and nations around the world.

Today, as we celebrate our Independence, we humbly stand before Thy presence and seek Thy continued grace and protection for we know that the way to peace, love, harmony, and unity is only through Thee, the only True God.

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, the Lover of Mankind, we humbly ask that Thou send down Thy Most-Holy Spirit upon us, Thy unworthy servants. Through Thy Holy Spirit, we ask that Thou dost breathe new life in our nation and her people. Guide our country, her president, those who serve in the Armed Forces here and throughout the world, the chaplains ministering to their needs and all of those in civil authorities and all peoples of this nation and nations throughout the world.

For Thou art the King of Peace and the Savior of our souls and unto Thee do we send up glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.