

The Lamp Newsletter International



IMPORTANT!

Dear Readers,

As we prepare to celebrate the 247th Birthday of the United States of America commonly known as the 4th of July, let us continue to be prayerful. There are so many devastating and horrific things happening here and everywhere. We must call on the Name of Jesus to protect us!

Countries are against each other! We are living at a very unpredictable time. Jesus tells us that nations will be against nations, Matthews 24: 7-9. The conditions in the world are tense! Please read more of this scripture to stay ready!

Let us be mindful of one another. Spend time reaching out and caring for each other. This is extremely needed!

Although this is our time of travel, cookouts, family reunions and other gatherings, remember those who are shut-in, sick, or restrained from fellowship with others. I am sure they will enjoy hearing from you. Your care and kindness will make their day.

I am grateful that staff writer, Ramelle T. Lee, has prepared another very informative holiday issue for you. Please be sure to share this enlightening newsletter with your family and friends. Pray one for another.

God bless you,

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HAPPY 247TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA

July 4, 1776 – July 4, 2023



Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States. It commemorates the Declaration of Independence which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America. **Source Wikipedia**



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY AMERICA!

Here are two iconic landmarks among others that are important to our history:



Independence Hall

A historic civic building in Philadelphia where both the United States Declaration and the United States Constitution were debated and adapted by America's Founding Fathers.

The structure forms the centerpiece of the Independence National History Park.

The Liberty Bell



The Liberty Bell is one of the most recognizable iconic symbols of freedom. Millions of visitors have toured The Bell Center located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Bell is inscribed with a Bible verse from Leviticus 25:10, *“Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto all the inhabitants thereof.”*

In its early years, the Bell was used to summon lawmakers to legislative sessions and to alert citizens about public meetings and proclamations.

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

My Thoughts this 4th of July



Here we are celebrating our 247th Birthday America! What a wonderful time to gather all across the United States to visit with friends and family. Thousands of people will be on the move again traveling by plane, car, or other methods of transportation. Whether you find yourself taking a little mini vacation, visiting historical sites, or just staying close to home, spend time thinking of how blessed you are to be alive in 2023.

So many people in this nation have experienced catastrophic weather conditions all across the land. They ponder how they're going to make it after horrible tornadoes, floods, fires, buildings claspng, power outages and more. Numerous states have undergone devastating conditions that would try your very heart and soul. People have been uprooted, losing their loved ones due to unforeseen storms. Everything wiped out in minutes. Businesses and towns gone in an instant.

PRAYING FOR AMERICA 24/7

Let us focus on this Bible scripture below. Take the opportunity to put a smile on another person's face this holiday.

Galatians 5:13

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

This fourth of July, let us spend time helping someone else. My heart goes out to those who are seeking hope. Those who are struggling to make ends meet and need a helping hand. We are thankful to all those who have compassion and are leaning a helping hand to others. Yes, we live in a nation of abundance. But there are thousands who don't have a place to lay their head or call home.

We should be eternally grateful to God for sparing our lives and protecting this nation. Thank God for His divine intervention to keep our borders safe.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA! HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY.
ENJOY YOUR INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

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