



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## Independence Day

Almighty Father, strong to save, we come before you on behalf of our nation.

**In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We boast much about our freedoms, but we often use them to try to be free from you.

**Look into our hearts to see the seeds of rebellion against you taking root within us.**

Pull out these weeds by their roots so that they wither and die.

**The Enemy has placed spiritual IEDs on our path of life.**

Send your angels to point out the hidden dangers, and steer us clear of every demonic ambush.

**Take the point as we march through the land where we are but strangers.**

Be our rearguard as we walk the dangerous road to our homeland.

**You, O Lord, neither slumber nor sleep.**

Keep your eye on the land that we love. Forgive its many sins. Pull it back when it gets too near the cliff of disaster. Send your Holy Spirit with power that America may remember your name, and honor it.

**Raise up from our midst mighty divisions of Christian soldiers, and send them onward against the Enemy.**

It is true that freedom is not free—it must be bought with blood.

**We thank you for those that shed their blood in defense of our homeland.**

But most of all we thank you for your Son, who spilled his holy blood that might be free from the grip of sin, death, and the Devil.

**We remember the words of Jesus: “If the Son shall set you free, you will be free indeed.”**

**Grant this to us and our nation, for his name’s sake. Amen.**

*Psalm 2 or 91 (page 65 or 100 in CW) might be used in connection with this prayer.  
Suggested hymns: 441; 517; 619.*

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