



*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."*

*Psalm 33:12*

Dear Friends,

Happy Birthday America! You are 234 years old.

Happy Birthday America! You have a rich, spiritual history that continues to influence us today.

Happy Birthday America! You have learned that greatness is not measured in silver and gold, rivers and forests, or even in bombs and missiles. Greatness is an inner quality found in what we are rather than in what we possess.

Happy Birthday America! The noble lady in New York Harbor stands proudly with her flame lifted up for all to see – it is a gift that still inspires us.

Happy Birthday America! Your flag waves proudly in the free air – a symbol of all that makes you great. Whether at a ball game, political rally, concert, or worship service, the flag still sends a chill up and down our spine. Happy Birthday America – land of the noble free. It was 234 years ago that 56 brave men signed the document known as "The Declaration of Independence" which was a statement that declared America's freedom and independence from the rule of England. In declaring the United States' independence they also declared our dependence on God.

America – our nation is rich in heritage and founded on Christian principles. It was Patrick Henry who said that "it cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded by Christians. It was founded not on religion but on the gospel of Jesus Christ." May our prayer on our nation's birthday be that God will continue to bless America. May God's people continue to pray and to live the truth of scripture.

Happy Birthday America!

To His glory,

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