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PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

**God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life and liberty
are your gift to every human being.**

**Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor that belongs
to every life on earth.**

**Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.**