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# St Francis

**July 4, 2014**

## **For the Nation**

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior . . .*  
*I Timothy 2:1-3*

As you celebrate Independence Day today I encourage you to use this prayer from the [The Book of Common Prayer](#) (p. 258) as a starting point for intercession for our nation today:

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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