

PSALM 67:4-5 "GOD.....THANK YOU"

World Cup/Olympics appreciation respect that ppl have 4 country. NATURALLY

- July 4th day to celeb appreciation gratitude natur – **FIREWORKS.**

Adams: Parades, games, shows, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, fireworks. **WE HAD LITTLE**

- MORE THAN THAT – REMEMBERING GOD. We have special reason 2 be grateful
 - o Natural state man is tyranny/exploitation. When opposite **God's Grace.**

Abraham Lincoln No human counsel has devised nor has any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God... **GRATEFUL**

MP: Every right we enjoy, every dream we pursue, and every ounce of liberty we possess flows from the goodness and grace of God.

It ought to be commemorated... as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. John Adams July 3rd, 1776 to Abigail Adams. **WE KNOW! God's grace**

Psalm 104:14 You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth ¹⁵ and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make His face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

BUT IT'S IMPERFECT/ISSUES: Does something have to be perfect for u to be grateful?

- Yes, your life has issues. Your family has struggles. Even the church isn't perfect. But gratitude isn't based on perfection.

Gratitude doesn't mean ignoring the problems it sees the blessing in the midst of them.

People can be so obsessively focused on the bad that they lose sight of the good.

- Today: We live in a very ungrateful and entitled society. Birthed out of lack of sacrifice **(if it doesn't cost it doesn't count)**. Fight for it. Lose it work to regain

Jason Kelce Man I love the 4th! One of the great days we all can set aside our differences in this country, and enjoy the one thing we all share in common. That we are American! Cheers to you oh beautiful America

GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR CIVIC FREEDOMS AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Freedom of speech, religion, to gather (10 amendments/26 rights)

- 310 million Christians live across 50 most dangerous countries face persecution where gathering could cost them their lives. 2.6 million live Explicitly illegal
 - o **Tunisia + Cuba (controlled surveiled) – GVM SPIES (Aniel and Jenny)**

5 believers in Tongam North Korea. Gathered together for worship and prayer. At 5 am. This Sunday the police were waiting for them. They still gathered. Began their prayer Oh Lord Jesus. Were arrested and sent to concentration camp for hard labor. No one has heard of them. This area pre-communism had multiple churches. **SOME OF YOU!!**

Civic freedoms and constitutional rights are not man-made accomplishments—they are gifts entrusted to us by God.

GRATEFUL FOR THE EXPERIMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT ROOTED IN CHRISTIAN VALUES

This form of government was a political experiment based on self-government, democratic ideals, constitutional limits. . not monarchy, autocratic govmt

- Power lies in the hands of the people not kings, aristocrats. Branches CheckBal
 - o People were willing to risk the life, family and fortune

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

BASED FIRMLY AND FRAMED IN CONTEXT OF GOD CHRISTIANITY

- Founders drew from enlightenment thinking Christian Theology – Locke, Blackstone and Rutherford – God’s Design, Natural Law, Protestant political thought, Judeo-Christian moral assumptions (**not all orthodox xians**)

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

- DID FOR NINEVEH – how does this challenge us to consider moral health nation

GRATEFUL FOR MATERIAL PROVISION AND OPPORTUNITY THAT LEADS TO GENEROSITY

UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY

- #1 destin global immigration economic - educ opportunity, safety freedom median wealth per adult in the U.S. is higher than most other countries higher standard of living across the classes

Scandinavian Countries (higher rating happiness): few get in tight immigration policies, limited economic scale and job market, ethnically homogenous.

GENEROSITY: THE SHARING NATURE OF OUR COUNTRY

Abraham Lincoln: The gates of hell shall not prevail against [America]. I have a solemn belief that Almighty God made this great land for a refuge to the oppressed and the downtrodden of every nation.

Where there isn’t opportunity. Not all equal.

- Church: We empower others. 89169 11k meals, 18 volunteers, 2700 tutoring
- Missionaries – 135k Christian missionaries in the last decade. 11.4 billion/ann

Our generosity is rooted in remembering how good and gracious God has been to us.

Deuteronomy 8:10-18 When you have eaten and are satisfied... remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

Grateful for God’s grace in our nation, and called to steward that grace with prayer, generosity, and gospel mission.

PRAYER: 1 Timothy 2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- Pray for believers in nations where gathering in Jesus’ name is illegal or dangerous (e.g., North Korea, Cuba, Tunisia).
- Pray for U.S. leaders—federal, state, and local—using 1 Timothy 2:1–4 as your guide.
- Pray that Awaken Las Vegas continues to use its freedom and resources to send the gospel to the nations.