

241 Years Old

The Fourth of July will see parades, picnics, fireworks and maybe a cake with two-hundred and forty-one candles to mark the birth of the United States of America. When our country came to exist there was no Internet, cell phones, telephones, radios or television sets of any size. Transportation was by foot or horse and the air was left to the birds. Ships powered by sails traversed the ocean to reach the New World. But the hope and dreams of the people then and now have not changed. It would take a revolution to bring them to be a reality. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are what was and has always been uppermost in the hearts and minds of those who came, come and call this land home. Freedom and justice for all is a rallying cry of the patriot and citizen. Peace the fruit of the sacrifices made from the beginning by those who hold these truths as self-evident. This year the Fourth of July is a four-day weekend. There will be plenty of time to reflect on our Nation's history and future. Consider offering a prayer of thanks and praise for "...one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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