

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

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Celebrating the birth of our nation is a great time to reflect on what we all share in common and what we should treasure this land for. There are 6 common values that we will unpack today.

**READ** | Proverbs 3:5-6; 2 Chronicles 7:14

## **IN GOD WE TRUST**

We share a common foundation. America's founders built our nation to look towards God - it is still on every denomination of money. The percentage of Christians today is quite less than when this nation began, but this is still the foundation we all share.

**READ** | Galatians 5:1

## **FREEDOM**

We share a common love. Our country was birthed because people had a passion to be free. Our freedom is unique; we have freedom in worship, of speech, of the press, and to pursue our own course of life. As Christians, we understand that you need Christ to truly be free. As Christian Americans, we are doubly free. Let us never take for granted the persecution we do not experience like other countries.

**READ** | John 15:13

## **SACRIFICE FOR THE GREATER GOOD**

We share a common commitment. We are the only world power that rebuilds nations after we defeat them. American blood has been shed to save the world.

## **A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY**

We share a common dream. America is truly a land of opportunity, you can go as far as your intellect and passion and faith can carry you.

**READ** | Psalm 133:1; Philippians 2:1-2

## **E PLURIBUS UNUM - OUT OF ONE MANY**

We share a common motto. America is truly a melting pot, we are a diverse nation. But unity makes us powerful. God wants His people to be unified.

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## **GENEROSITY**

We share a common heart. Many people of great influence throughout history have celebrated America for our generosity. American generosity is not dependent on policy or laws, but it is a proud heritage of our cultural fabric.

**REFLECT** | Which of these values are you most proud of as an American? Are there any other values you would add to this list?

**SUMMARY** | As Americans, we share so much in common when we are at our best: a common foundation, freedom, commitment, dream, motto, and heart.

**PRAYER** | Make time to pray for one another before you dismiss your group.