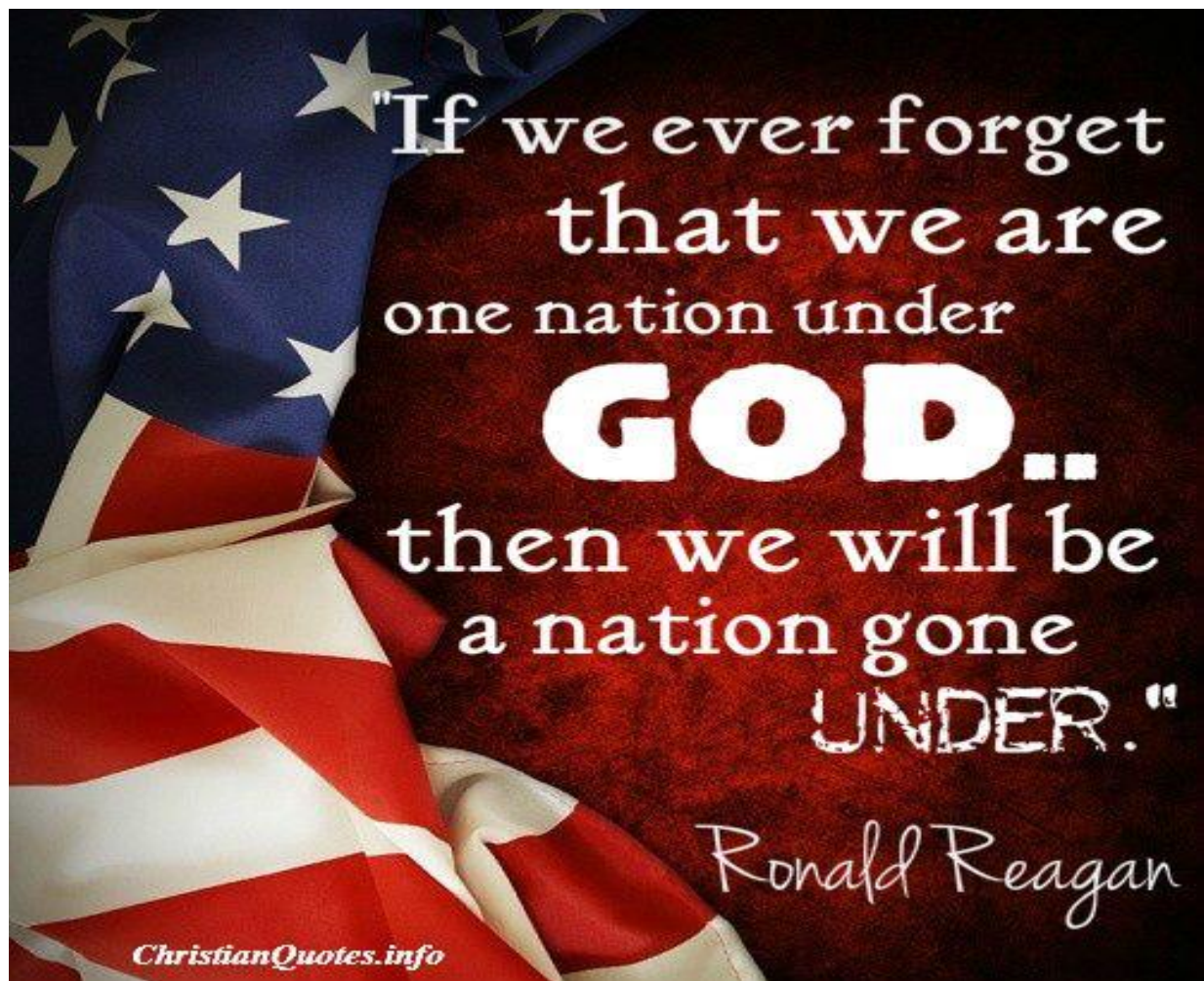


THE LAMP NEWSLETTER

4th of July

2020 Independence Day



THINK ABOUT IT!



Ronald Reagan

Ronald Reagan
40th President
United States of America

Wanda J. Burnside,
Founder and President

Dear Readers,

Here's the 4th of July known as Independence Day in the United States of American. When I was a child, we called it the "Fire Cracker Holiday." Maybe we should still call it that name. It's been loud and crazy with the noise in our neighborhood. The ***bangs, pops and bombs*** started around Mother's Day in May. Why? What is the reason for that?

Anyway, here I am with a photo of our 40th President, Ronald Reagan. I never thought that I would post him here in our Lamp Newsletter...but, I NEEDED TO DO THIS. I am about the truth and shedding the light on things. I know that I am pushing the envelope, but it's important.

I feel that President Reagan should be recognized for two things on this holiday. I don't think that I voted for him to be our president. You know, I ***can't even remember*** who the other choice was. That was 40 years ago now. Yes! He served as our president from 1980-1988...that's two terms...right?

Well, when I saw the BOLD statement that he made about God and the USA, I had to stop and say a loud, "AMEN! AMEN!" Go back and look at the cover of this newsletter...reread it...yeah, Reagan said it: ***"If we ever forget that we are one nation under GOD...then we will be a nation gone UNDER."***

OKAY, PRESIDENT REAGAN. Sir, we have been warned. Thank you, Sir.

Then, history has recorded that President Ronald Reagan deserved major credit, honor and esteem for something major. In 1983, he signed the law for the third Monday of each January to be a first national holiday to honor the birthday of a black man in America, Civil Rights' leader, REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Coretta King campaigned for a national holiday to honor her late husband and was present when President Reagan signed the law in 1983 setting aside the third Monday each January to observe the late civil rights leader's birthday.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

Monday
January 19

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
HOLIDAY

EVERYBODY
can be
great.
Because
ANYBODY
can
SERVE.
You only
need a
HEART
full of
A
grace.
A
SOUL
generated
by LOVE.

MILK Day

President Reagan was brave and courageous to stand-up and do the right thing. I am sure that he was pressured by those in government and threatened by special racist groups to not do this. I am sure that Reagan walked the floor at night over this major act. I wonder if he had sleepless nights and stressful days leading up to him signing this law honoring a black man...for what he did?

Dr. Martin Luther King received this high esteem because he deserved it. He gave his life to fight for FREEDOM, PEACE, JUSTICE and RIGHTS for blacks and others. Yet, it was his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King who pushed and pleaded for her husband's recognition. It was only proper and right for her to do this for him. She knew and understood his legacy MUST NOT DIE!

But, it took someone who could use his power, authority and leadership to give change and transform this country! It took the President of the United States to use his full authority to legally deal with arrogance, lack of common sense, RACISM and ignorance from those who HATE JUSTICE. President Ronald Reagan is a giant...Hero!

Look, I am still grieving the brutal death of MR. GEORGE FLOYD who was just murdered in 8 minutes and 46 seconds by a police, a law officer. So, at this time of our countries 244th Birthday...AMERICA, WE CAN NOT CELEBRATE like usual because we MUST HAVE POLICES and LEADERSHIP that are bold, brave, and sensitive to what is right and needed for ALL PEOPLE. ***"Let FREEDOM RING!"***





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Memorial Day

Independence Day

9-1-1 Remembrance Day

Labor Day

Veterans' Day

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Patriot gifts

Floral bouquets in red, white and blue

Poetry presentations

Goodie treat bags

USA Flag gifts

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**Facing Major Challenges for the 4th of July:
2020 Independence Day
By Ramelle T. Lee**

“In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.” (Psalm 18:6 KJV)

This 4th of July, we are taking time to examine where to safely go to celebrate our holiday, Independence Day. Our lives have tremendously changed, because of the effects of Covid-19. We can't imagine stopping our lives! We have been robbed of our FREEDOM to go about doing our daily activities like eating, working and shopping! In 2020, WE ARE NOT FREE to go anyplace we want and choose without being restricted or quarantined.

Everywhere, over the entire world, mankind came to face the fact that every aspect of our existence was coming to a complete halt. We have been told by our local, state and

national government to stay home and not venture out unless it's an emergency! Well, if you're an essential part of the workforce, dealing with crucial care or essential services throughout your communities, you are free to go!

The federal, state and local governments had to reinforce ordinances, and legislation to keep law and order. Although many states are allowing some businesses to operate again, major health issues still threaten hundreds of thousands from becoming vulnerable to this pandemic. It doesn't matter who you are, and where you are in this world, the fallout of the Coronavirus is a real threat to mankind.

Daily, we are faced with challenges of how to exist as the Coronavirus still spreads through our communities, regions, states and nation. However, we seem to be in a catch 22 situation. This invisible virus can quickly spread from those you know or don't know. You might not have symptoms of this disease, but you may know someone who has become ill or died from Covid-19.

Life is no longer business as usual. This monumental health crisis is affecting everyone. We are experiencing so much anxiety, fear, frustration and uncertainty. You can't turn on the television, radio or have a normal conversation without someone stating how their life has shifted due to this pandemic. We are trying to cope with wearing a mask, gloves and safely distancing ourselves. However, we only continue to hear of the discouraging news of reported increases of new cases across America and the world. Unfortunately, we don't always exercise precaution to follow health and safety guidelines established to curtail the spread of Covid-19.

Our nation has experienced so many shifts in the economy. This also includes day-by-day monitoring of reported hotspots and outbreaks of the Coronavirus around the clock. We all have been on complete “News-reporting” overload!

Although we may be fed-up from hearing about the current “state of affairs,” we are experiencing a glimmer of hope. Across this nation, and around the world, we hear of reports that scientists continue to work tirelessly to discover an effective Covid-19 vaccine to eliminate the continuous outbreak of this pandemic.

Throughout history, we have experienced many types of misfortunes that have surfaced to shake our lives to the core. We will get through these challenging times with the help of crucial health providers, nurses, doctors and other essential workers, who are willing to stay the course and fight to end this health crisis.

God is our HOPE

Everything is not lost! We **will survive this pandemic crisis** that has hit our nation and disrupted our lives! Stay encouraged! Know that God is ever-present! Millions of people are praying every second of the day to resolve this world health pandemic.

During these times of adversities, we can find a ray of sunshine. You don't have to look far to see how God has performed miracles in those who have been at the brink of death and have recovered from the devastating effects of Covid-19.

Yes, this 4th of July gives each of us a challenge to safely take care of ourselves. We desire to escape to a place where we can freely relax without being confronted by this pandemic. This holiday, remember and reflect on the fact that we are still alive. God has

given us the opportunity to still be here in the flesh. We may not be able to travel here or there freely, or spend time at sporting events, relaxing on crowded beaches, or enjoying live parades, but there are many other alternatives available to us to safely interface with each other.

There will soon come a time when we can begin to resume some of our normal life activities without the risk of affecting our health or life. We may not fully recover from some of the life challenges we have had to endure. However, realize that “We, as a people and nation,” can be resilient and bounce back even when difficult times come our way. We must rely on God to help us to survive.

There is something that we can do to recognize Independence Day:

- ❖ Remember how precious life really is.
- ❖ Know that we will regain our daily freedom.
- ❖ We will soon regain liberty to gather in a peaceful existence without feeling locked down or isolated.

I am wishing everyone a joyous, safe and peaceful holiday. God bless the United States of America on this 2020 Independence Day.

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; Yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

(Isaiah 41:10 KJV).

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV).

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