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*T*here is a wonderful story about our first U.S. President, George Washington, that I feel illustrates that America was founded on the belief that: “In God We Trust” and that we continue to enjoy a firm reliance and dependence on God for the protection of His Divine Providence: During the harsh winter of 1777-1778, at Valley Forge, George Washington showed his deep trust in God; when the Continental Army faced near-collapse, enduring freezing temperatures, starvation and disease. A local Quaker, Issac Potts, reportedly discovered Washington alone in the woods, on his knees in the snow, praying for divine aid. Issac Potts, who initially held lukewarm views on the revolution, was deeply moved. Potts told his wife that he knew the American cause would win, because he heard Washington praying, concluding that the leader did not trust in his own strength, but in God.

I have composed a new Declaration or Prayer for our nation; with a little help from Thomas Jefferson, to celebrate our 250th birthday – July 4, 2026:

The New U.S. Declaration of Dependence Upon God

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*W*hen in the course of our history, as the United States of America, it becomes necessary, even vital for “We the People” to reaffirm and publish, that we as one people of this independent and sovereign nation; do pledge our faith and “Trust in God.” God has blessed us with the freedom we have enjoyed in the past, the rectitude and honor of our peaceful countenance toward each other and other nations, in the present, and the direction and example to other peoples and nations, in the future. That the United States of America stands firmly in the belief that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator-God with certain unalienable rights, that among these are free speech, religious freedom, due legal process, and the fundamental constitutional guarantee of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We further believe, that unlike other nations that are based on shared ancestry, our nation was founded on ideals of natural rights, freedom and a written Constitution, Individualism and Innovation. We further thank God for this strong cultural emphasis on personal freedom that encourages risk-taking, entrepreneurship and technological innovation. We further covenant and affirm that Faith and Hope are essential in this life to trust in God’s many Promises to a nation; examples of which are the following:

“That when we pray, You will answer.”...Isaiah 58:9

“We remember that You know our needs, even before we ask You.”...Matthew 6:8

“Your blessings are new every morning.”...Lamentations 3:23

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”...2 Chronicles 7:14

*W*e, therefore as God fearing and loving, American patriots appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by authority of our Trust and Dependence in God, publish, declare, and reaffirm that the United States of America will continue to be a people of faith, perseverance and humility; demonstrating reliance wholly on God’s Presence, Protection, Provision, Omniscience, and Love. And for the support of this new 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.

