

## ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

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As we celebrate the birth of our great nation, let us remember to offer our praise and petitions to our great God and Savior.

### *An Independence Day Prayer*

*We come before you this day to thank You for this great country You have given us. Our forefathers fled their native lands, suffered and died to find a place to worship You in freedom.*



*We have been so blessed to live in a country where we can gather together to worship and praise You. A country where we can talk about Your great love for all humanity wherever we may go without fear. A place where we can teach our children about You. That You are real and that You love each one of us so much You sent Your son into the world to die for us that our sins might be forgiven.*

*You have granted to us the freedom to find gainful employment. With the money we earn we can buy food, clothes, heat and shelter. You have sent rain to grow crops that we may have food on our tables.*

*But with all You have given us we are not grateful or mindful of You. We have taken Your blessings as if somehow we deserve them. Our nation has pushed You aside and forgotten that You are still almighty God. People lie and cheat and steal as if there were no retribution. They murder and feel no guilt. They destroy their minds and bodies with alcohol and drugs while the next generation looks on and believe this is the way to live, not knowing this way of life leads to death and destruction.*



*As one of the old prophets of the Bible said, "We are a nation of unclean lips." We are wrapped up in self so deeply that we see no one else or their needs or heartbreaks.*

*Help us remember, as well as living in an independent nation, we can also be independent of a sinful nature. Help us be assured we have the privilege to be dependent on You and to know You will carry us through whatever comes to us. To know You will always be there when we call.*

*May our days be filled with the nearness of thy spirit and our hearts and lips be filled with praise. In the blessed name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*