



Celebrating *the*  
250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
*of the* United States  
*of* America



# PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Father in Heaven,  
you chose Mary  
to be the mother of your Son  
and gave her to us to be our mother also.

As we celebrate  
the 250th anniversary of independence  
of the United States, we ask Mary to  
protect and guide our country.  
May we, under her protection,  
be united with you  
and with one another.

Strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
help us to have a stronger faith,  
be filled with hope,  
and live in charity with all  
of our brothers and sisters.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Front Image: Statue of the Immaculate Conception at the Basilica of Saint Mary in Alexandria*



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