A Prayer for Independence Day

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life and
liberty
are your gift to every human
being.
Help us to continue a good work
begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will
strong:
that only in human solidarity will
we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor that
belongs
to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family
of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the
common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord.
R/. Amen.