

LWML CNH CHRISTIAN LIFE LINE JULY 2023

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Here is something a little different this month. I attended the writing seminar at the LWML Convention. This was my devotion for critique. I hope you enjoy it and find a spiritual blessing in it.

But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. Hebrews 11:16

I love the Fourth of July! It is my favorite (secular) holiday! I love the parades, the parties, the fireworks! I love my country. I love America! She was bought by the blood and heroism of men of valor in the 1700s. The USA, with all her faults, is still a great place to live. We have such an abundance of everything, more choices than we can reasonably make. We have freedoms only dreamed of in other countries. Our biggest freedom is the opportunity to worship as we choose. On Sunday morning, I don't have to wonder if I can sneak away to someone's home to praise and worship God. It is my right as an American! If I want to pray in a restaurant, I don't have to worry about getting arrested. It is my right as an American.

As much as I love America, and yes, I am a patriot, I have a far more precious home. I have citizenship in another place, a better country, where my citizenship, and that of fellow believers, also allows me to worship freely. Citizenship also bought for me by blood. I, a sinner since birth, have been

welcomed into the family of God through my baptism and have been forgiven by the blood of Christ! I can live my earthly life as a proud citizen of the USA and I can live eternally as a blessed and loved child of God in my heavenly home!

Heavenly Father, Thank you for blessing our earthly county. May we all appreciate our blessings until You bring us home to live in heaven, our eternal country. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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Thank you for reading this Christian Life Line. Let me know if you want more like this. Happy Fourth of July, blessed summer, and see you at the Retreat! I love you all! Cathey



DON'T MISS THIS!

CNH Retreat will be held at Oakhurst on August 25-27, 2023

"Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts"

Bible study led by Michelle Ule

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:4

Music Leader is Melody Hues