

# GOD'S EYES REST UPON YOU



Happy 4th, Marines!

All around our country, millions of Americans will be celebrating the anniversary of our independence and the birth of our great nation. Houses will be adorned with red, white and blue. Old Glory will be flying high across the countryside while city streets will be lined with patriotic parades. And the air will be filled with the glorious sounds of freedom.

For nearly 250 years, we continue to celebrate our independence every July because of the great sacrifice countless American Veterans made securing our freedom and defending our precious way of life. Many of whom have paid the ultimate price, while others still bear the wounds of war on the inside and out.

If you are one of those patriots who have served our great nation, be encouraged to know this—you are not forgotten. We celebrate our freedom in your honor! We choose to remember your sacrifice and your duty.

But as you may know, enthusiasm and appreciation for your sacrifice can fade as Americans move on to the next set of summer activities. In spite of this, I have great news for you— God's affection for you never fades!

The Bible says in 1 Peter 3:12, "For the eyes of the Lord rest upon the godly, and his heart responds to their prayers..."

**God's eyes rest upon you!** He sees you and is attentive to your prayers. Know that you move His heart. Take that in for a moment. Let that settle into every part of your soul. Allow this wonderful truth to frame the way you see yourself when you feel alone or forgotten.

You might say, "Well, I don't consider myself to be much of a godly person." Perhaps not, but I want to suggest that your actions, whether intentional or not, demonstrated a God-like attitude.

To be godly, in part, is to be like God. Jesus Himself said, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lays down his life for his friends (John 15:13)."

Jesus demonstrated the extent of His great love for us by paying the ultimate price for our salvation and freedom from sin and death. There is no greater demonstration of love than to give one's life for the life of another.

As a Marine, you have willingly put yourself in harm's way so others wouldn't have to. You were willing to pay the ultimate price if necessary so that we can remain free.

That resembles the same attitude that Jesus had for the world. What God saw in His son, He sees in you. Not only does He see you, but He never takes His eyes off of you!

As we celebrate our precious freedom, know that you are not lost in the shuffle. You are like God in more ways than you may realize. After all, you were created in His likeness.

Know that you are seen by God and His heart responds to your prayers.

Look to Him today for your salvation. When you call on Him, know that His heart is moved by you and He will be attentive and respond to your prayers. Look to Him today with confidence and be transformed by the love that He has for you.

**Follow-through:** Check out Psalm 34, a passage written by a battle-tested Veteran who was in a tough spot and made it through.



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