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**“Declaration of Dependence”**

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<b>What</b>	A reflective and worshipful Reader's Theatre presentation that contrasts humanity's pursuit of independence with the freedom found in dependence upon God. Through shared readings, Scripture, and a corporate declaration, the audience is invited to exchange anxiety, self-reliance, and striving for trust, surrender, and confidence in God's provision.
<b>Themes</b>	Independence, Dependence, Trust, Surrender, Provision, Anxiety, Freedom, Worship, Faith
<b>Who</b>	Reader 1 Reader 2 Reader 3
<b>When</b>	Present
<b>Costumes</b>	Smart casual clothing appropriate for worship. Readers should be coordinated but not identical and may use music stands and scripts.
<b>Props</b>	Music stands, Scripts, Bible
<b>Why</b>	Matthew 6:33
<b>How</b>	Readers should remain primarily stationary behind music stands with scripts in hand. The focus is on vocal expression, pacing, rhythm, and audience engagement rather than movement or acting. Reader 1 is confident and engaging, introducing key ideas and guides the audience through the theme of dependence. Reader 2 is a thoughtful and reflective reader who explores the tension between self-reliance and trust in God. Reader 3 is a warm and expressive reader who highlights the emotional and spiritual dimensions of the presentation.
<b>Time</b>	5 minutes

Lights up.

The **Readers** are across the stage facing the audience and speaking to them directly.

**Reader 1:** In 1776, a declaration was written that changed our history.

**Reader 2:** A declaration of independence.

**Reader 3:** A declaration that announced freedom from distant rule and the right to determine one's own future.

**All:** A declaration of independence.

**Reader 1:** More than two centuries later, independence remains one of our most admired virtues.

**Reader 2:** Financial independence.

**Reader 3:** Emotional independence.

**Reader 1:** Personal independence.

**Reader 2:** We celebrate people who stand on their own feet.

**Reader 3:** People who need nobody.

**Reader 1:** People who solve their own problems.

**Reader 2:** People who carry their own burdens.

**Reader 3:** People who control their own futures.

**Reader 1:** At least that's the story we tell ourselves.

**Reader 2:** Yet behind many successful lives sits another reality.

**Reader 3:** Exhaustion.

**Reader 1:** Anxiety.

**Reader 2:** Pressure.

**Reader 3:** The constant fear that if we stop holding everything together, everything might fall apart.

**All:** And so, we keep trying harder.

**Reader 1:** More planning.

**Reader 2:** More worrying.

**Reader 3:** More striving.

**Reader 1:** More control.

*Pause.*

**Reader 2:** But what if independence was never God's highest goal for us?

**Reader 3:** What if dependence is not weakness?

**Reader 1:** What if dependence is actually freedom?

**Reader 2:** Jesus offered a different declaration.

**Reader 3:** A declaration that begins not with self-reliance...

**Reader 1:** ...but with trust.

**All:** "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

*Pause.*

**Reader 2:** Not control.

**Reader 3:** Trust.

**Reader 1:** Not self-sufficiency.

**Reader 2:** Dependence.

**Reader 3:** Not carrying every burden ourselves.

**All:** "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

*Pause.*

**Reader 1:** Perhaps the greatest declaration a Christian can make is not a declaration of independence.

**Reader 2:** Perhaps it is a declaration of dependence.

**Reader 3:** Dependence on the One who created us.

**Reader 1:** Dependence on the One who sustains us.

**Reader 2:** Dependence on the One who saves us.

**Reader 3:** Dependence on the One who intercedes for us.

*Pause.*

**Reader 1:** And so today we make our declaration.

**All:** We acknowledge You as God our Father, our Savior and Redeemer, our Creator, and our Priest.

**Reader 2:** As our Father, we thank You for Your love.

**Reader 3:** As our Creator, we honor You.

**Reader 1:** As our Savior, we receive Your amazing grace.

**Reader 2:** As our Priest, we trust Your work on our behalf.

**All:** We thank You for Your presence.  
We thank You for Your provision.  
We thank You for Your protection.  
We thank You for Your salvation.

*Pause.*

**Reader 3:** For all these blessings...

**Reader 1:** For all this grace...

**Reader 2:** For all this mercy...

**All:** On this day, we declare our dependence on You.

*Pause.*

**All:** *(slowly)* Not independence.  
Dependence.  
Not fear.  
Trust.  
Not striving.  
Surrender.  
Not ourselves.  
Christ.

*Lights fade.*

Additional Resource:

**THE DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE**

We acknowledge You as God our Father, our Savior and Redeemer, our Creator, and our Priest.

As God our Father, we thank You for Your all-pervading love. We thank You for allowing us to call You our Father, and for calling us Your children. We thank You for Your holy presence and Your divine protection. We thank You and praise You for Your continuing interest in our church and Your patience and perseverance with each member. We thank You for Your Word and for the revelation of Your wisdom.

As Creator of the world, we honour You. We thank You for creating each one of us in Your loving image. We thank You for Your continual care, for our daily bread and for Your sustaining power. We thank You for life and for breath, for health and happiness. We thank You for nature, for the sun and the rain, for wind and for calm, for thunder and lightning, for birds and for animals, for the perpetual reminders of Your individual interest and concern.

As our Savior and Redeemer, we thank You for the generosity of Your salvation, for the amazing gift of Jesus Christ, for the ever-present Holy Spirit. We thank and praise You for Your unconditional forgiveness and the security of Your presence in our lives. We thank you for Your re-creative and redemptive power.

As our Priest, we praise You for Your self-less sacrifice on our behalf; for presenting our spiritual poverty in the magnificence of Your blameless and holy character; for interpreting our prayers into the music of Heaven.

For all these blessings we give You thanks and praise and honour. On this day we declare our eternal dependence on You.