

# HOW TO HONOR GOD AS A US CITIZEN

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**Key Text:** 1 Peter 2:13-17

## 1. Strive to honor and obey the government.

- Our first responsibility is always to honor and obey God, but we should look for opportunity to honor and obey our government.

Acts 5:29 ... "*But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."*

## 2. Speak up and vote to uphold godly values.

- The government is instituted by God to punish evil and praise good. We should be a witness to what God has established as good and evil.

## 3. Prioritize growing the Kingdom of God over fixing human institutions.

- The problems of our country are primarily heart problems. God is the only one who can change a heart.  
(Romans 6:16-17)

## 4. Prepare to stand firm and suffer with grace during persecution.

# Prayer Guide for our Government

## Pray for God's Kingdom to come

Matthew 6:9–10 ... *"Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*

## Pray for our Leaders in the Federal Government

1 Timothy 2:1–3 ... *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,"*

- **The Executive Branch** (President Biden & VP Harris)
- **The Legislative Branch** (Speaker Pelosi, Senate Leaders Schumer and McConnell)
- **The Judicial Branch** (Chief Justice Roberts and the eight other Justices on the supreme court)

## Pray for our Leaders in the Local Government

- **Governor Hogan**
- **Executives Elrich (Montgomery), Ball (Howard), Gardner (Frederick)**
- **The state and county school boards.  
Superintendent Choudhury**

Psalms 1 ... *"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."*