

Our Nation: Under God?



The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, **one Nation under God**, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Introduction: Romans 13 concludes the thought of *Rom 12:1-2*. The person who is transformed by God also has a responsibility to the civil government where they live. *Rom 13:1*

Five Things I Must Do For The Government

1. Paying for Government *Rom 13:6-7; Matt 22:21*

- a. What Jesus said: *Mat 22:21* And He [Jesus] said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."
- b. Custom: Our equivalent to sales tax *Rom 13:7*
- c. Tribute: Our equivalent to income tax *Rom 13:7*

2. Pray for Government *1 Tim. 2:1-2; 2 Chron 7:14*

- a. Directed prayer: Are we really praying for our leaders? That they would be righteous leaders that support the sanctity of life and godly legislation?
- b. Repentant prayer: God's people can seek God's healing for a nation. (*See back of handout*)

3. Praise Government *Rom 13:7*

- a. Giving honor: Giving honor when honor is due is a good thing. Independence Day is an example!
- b. Who do we honor?: Leaders, and all that are in authority. Our men and women in the military. Public servants such as police officers and firemen.

4. Participate in Government

- a. Serve Government: God never forbids participating in the process of government. The Centurion of *Matt 8:5* continued serving; Zacchaeus *Luk 19* became an honest tax collector and Sergius Paulus remained the procounsel after believing in Christ *Acts 13*.
- b. Our Priority-Serve God: God is always first—especially when God and government are in conflict. *Acts 4:19* Peter and John served God over man.

5. Persuade our Government *Matt 28:18-20*

- a. How?: How can I really make a difference? We are a republic...that means that, for the most part, public policy is shaped by public opinion. It's hard to support abortion once you've accepted Christ as your savior and know the Biblical view of life and creation.
- b. Be a Patriot for Christ: *Matt 28:19-20* Go into all the world and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 13:1; 6-7 (NKJV)

:1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

:6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.

:7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NKJV)

:1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

:2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

:19 **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

:20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)

:14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

31 Daily Scripture Prayers & Proclamations to Bless America

1. Let all of America fear the Lord. Let all the inhabitants of the United States stand in awe of Him. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom He has chosen as His own inheritance. (Psalm 33:8, 12)

2*. We pray that our President would become a man of public faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. We pray that he will seek Your wisdom and counsel in all his actions on behalf of this country and in his personal and private life. (Psalm 89:21)

3. Lord, act in Your own displeasure toward those who would strike terror into the earth. (Ezekiel 32:22-25; Psalm 7:11-16) Root out and bring terrorists to justice. Please show mercy, expose and thwart terrorist schemes. Grant wisdom, discernment and protection to all in authority working to prevent terrorist attacks.

4. We pray that You would give Your wisdom to those who would preside in our courts of justice. Let all judges and those who work in our court system seek to preserve justice in a fair and impartial way according to Your statutes. (Proverbs 2:6-8)

5. Grant wisdom and courage to all those who serve in our Congress and all elected officials across this country. Let them not be distracted from governing by the lure of money, power or fame. Encourage them to always stand for what is right and to faithfully serve those who have put their trust in them. (Ecclesiastes 8:1-5)

6. Let those who serve our country in the military not rely solely upon the strength of their weapons and intelligence, but first turn to You, Lord, the source of all wisdom and strength. Raise up men and women of faith among all ranks of the military and give them opportunity to witness to their fellow soldiers. (Matthew 8:5-12)

7. We agree with You, Jesus, that the Church will be one, as You are one with the Father. Heal any divisions that exist between pastors and their congregations, and between denominations. Let our nation see the Body of Christ united in love for one another and toward those whom You have come to save. (John 17:21)

8. Lord, return the state of marriage to a place of honor in our country. We praise You for sturdy marriages that model Your commitment to the Church. Let hope and healing now come to those marriages that are strained and breaking. (Hebrews 13:4)

9. Father, let our earthly fathers look to You as the ultimate spiritual head of the family, and serve their families by carrying the responsibility for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of their wives and children. Bring absentee fathers to a faith and radical life-change. Let Your character be clearly seen in the lives of all fathers. (Ephesians 6:4)

10*. We ask you Lord, to refresh mothers in the honor of fulfilling the glory of motherhood. Strengthen them with grace, wisdom, and love in serving their husbands and children. Let mothers reflect Your own love and nurturing nature. (Proverbs 31:25-26, 28)

11. Thank You that You are father to the fatherless and husband to the widow. Restore our broken families with Your wholeness and let them turn to You for all spiritual, emotional and physical needs. (Psalm 146:8-9)

12. We pray that our children will come to know You as Lord and Savior early in their lifetime. We pray that they would participate fully in establishing your kingdom here on earth. (Mark 10:14)

13. We agree with Your word, Lord, that You are instructing our children and great will be their peace in the land. (Isaiah 54:13)

14. Let the unborn be protected. We affirm their personhood and we honor them as unborn citizens. Rescue them from the atrocity and violent death by abortion. Convict of transgression, forgive and heal those who repent of coming abortion. (Psalm 72:12-14)

15. Lord, we implore you to make our schools a place where our children can learn in physical, emotional and spiritual safety. Give them godly teachers who encourage them and are dedicated to them. Give them the support systems at home and at school that would enable them to achieve great things in Your Name. (Luke 6:40)

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16. Strengthen and encourage those in the media who are willing to stand for Your truth and practice honest, fair and accurate reporting. Convert or remove those who would use the media to put forth their own selfish agendas and proclaim their lies and distortions. Give discernment to all who know and love You to be able to sift through the untruths and rely on Your steadfast Word. (Proverbs 4:24-26)

17. We praise and thank You that you give us the arts as a way to worship and glorify Your Name. Let godly men and women now come forth in the arts and entertainment fields who will seek to share your gospel message through their creative endeavors. (Proverbs 14:34)

18. Lord, bring genuine reconciliation to the races of this nation. Remove long held prejudices, hatreds and hurts and replace them with Your healing love and fellowship. Bring peace, friendship and equal opportunity to all peoples and cultures. (Ephesians 2:14-16)

19. Thank You that You do not forget prisoners and those who are homeless and needy. Stir up Your heart of compassion in each of us and send Your Spirit to guide us as we reach out to those less fortunate. (Psalm 107:41)

20. Restore our abandoned inner cities to communities of safety, prosperity and hope. Save and encourage those caught in cycles of poverty, sickness, addiction, brokenness and despair. (Isaiah 58:12)

21. Lord, grant the people of America Sabbath rest. Thank You that there remains therefore a rest for the people of God. Help all be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall into disobedience. (Hebrews 4:9-11)

22. Lord, let all exhausted laborers in our land come to You, find salvation, and find rest for their souls. For Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light. Comfort those in jail and prison, Lord. (Matthew 11:18-30)

23. Lord, bring the Word of God to bear on the hearts and minds of those who make public policy in America. (Psalm 19:7-11; John 8:31,32) Continue to grant opportunity for a Biblical world view and principles into the public discourse. (Ephesians 3:10)

24. Shield and deliver our nation from occultism, New Age cults, false religions and secret societies. (Isaiah 1:29; 2:6)

25. In mercy, reveal Yourself to those who do not even seek after You, those who have turned away, those who are ignorant of their own need for Your saving grace in their lives. (Romans 10:20; Isaiah 65:1)

26. Reverse the trends of humanism and socialism in our nation. (1 Chronicles 12:32; Isaiah 59:15)

27. Help us to be a nation that desires purity and avoids debauchery, pornography, perversion, drunkenness, drug use and gambling. (1 Corinthians 6:9-20; Titus 2:12)

28. Grace and enable us, Lord, to travail until the fullness of Jesus Christ is birthed in this next generation of Americans. (Galatians 4:19)

29. Send forth more consecrated individuals to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every nation. Bring in the harvest, Lord. (Acts 1:8; 4:33)

30. Lord, help us to live our lives so that all are prepared to give an account to Almighty God. (Hebrews 9:27)

31. Now to Him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen. (Jude 1:24-25)

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