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## America, Honor God!

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On May 4, 2006, thousands of Christians will gather at [National Day of Prayer](#) events throughout the United States to pray for our nation and to urge all Americans to honor God.

The theme of this year's event is based on 1 Samuel 2:30, where the Lord says: "Those who honor me, I will honor."

As I travel from church to church all over America, speaking in defense of traditional values, I am encouraged by the depth of commitment that pastors and church members have to honoring God with their lives and their resources. I see an awakening in the souls of thousands of Christians to the importance of being salt and light in a dark world—and honoring the Lord by being actively involved in their communities and in grassroots politics.

These Christians understand that we honor God not only by attending church and being involved in ministering to the poor and needy, but by getting involved in choosing those who make our laws, issue judicial opinions, and influence our children.

We honor God by creating a culture that respects biblical morality and that protects the sanctity of life at all stages—from birth to death. We honor God by protecting our children from being exposed to dangerous amoral influences in the media and in our schools. We honor God by defending the Constitution from judicial tyrants and from legislators who would stifle freedom of speech under the guise of lobby reform.

Peter Marshall, who served as Chaplain of the United States Senate in

the late 1940s, issued a call for Americans to honor God in a sermon he preached on January 13, 1947. He reminded Americans:

The choice before us is plain: Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration. I am rather tired of hearing about our rights and privileges as American citizens. The time is come—it is now—when we ought to hear about the duties and responsibilities of our citizenship. America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's government.

Chaplain Marshall clearly understood that the greatness of our nation was not because of our economic or military power. It was because of our historical commitment to Christian principles as the bedrock of morality and good government. In the past, we truly honored God and established a Republican form of government that was based upon biblical foundations.

We must not forget that our nation was settled by Christians and that the Bible was the basis of our laws and formed the philosophical foundation of our Constitution.

James Madison, the chief architect of our Constitution said this about American civilization: "We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

As we gather on May 4 to urge Americans to honor God, let us remember the words of Peter Marshall and James Madison. Our nation's future existence depends upon our determination to honor God in all that we do as individuals and as Americans in a Constitutional Republic. To attend a National Day of Prayer event in your area, access the [National Day of Prayer Task Force](#) web site: [www.ndptf.org](http://www.ndptf.org).

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