

# WHAT TO DO DURING A WAR

A Veteran's Day Message

Selected Scriptures

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*"If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men."*  
Romans 12:18 (NASB)

*"(There is) a time for war, and a time for peace."*  
Ecclesiastes 3:8 (NASB)

*"Doing what is right makes a nation great."*  
Proverbs 14:34 (NCV)

## Five Biblical Reasons for War:

1. To \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. To \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

*"If you see some brother or sister in need and you have the means to do something about it but you turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears and you made it disappear."* 1 John 3:17 (The Message)

*"When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even much more will be required."* Luke 12:48 (NLT)

*"Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin."* James 4:17 (NASB)

## What Can I Do?

1. Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ not the \_\_\_\_\_.

*“The Lord is my light and the one who saves me. I fear no one. The Lord protects my life; I am afraid of no one. Evil people may try to destroy my body... but they are overwhelmed and defeated. If an army surrounds me, I will not be afraid. If war breaks out, I will trust the Lord.”* Psalm 27:1-3 (NCV)

*“Then some came and reported to Jehoshaphat, saying, ‘A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, out of Aram and behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar (that is Engedi).’ And Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek the Lord; and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. So Judah gathered together to seek help from the Lord; they even came from all the cities of Judah to seek the Lord. Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord before the new court, and he said, ‘O Lord, the God of our fathers, art Thou not God in the heavens? And art Thou not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Thy hand so that no one can stand against Thee. Didst Thou not, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before Thy people Israel and give it to the descendants of Abraham Thy friend forever? And they have lived in it, and have built Thee a sanctuary there for Thy name, saying, ‘Should evil come upon us, the sword, or judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before Thee (for Thy name is in this house) and cry to Thee in our distress, and Thou wilt hear and deliver us.’”* 2 Chronicles 20:2-9 (NASB)

## 2. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...pray for kings, and anyone in high places for that matter so that we can lead quiet peaceful lives—reverent, godly, and holy...”* 1 Timothy 2:2 (The Voice)

*“Without wise leadership, a nation falls...”*  
Proverbs 11:14 (NLT)

*“To reject the law is to praise the wicked; to obey the law it to fight them. Evil people don’t understand justice, but those who follow the Lord understand completely.”* Proverbs 28:4-5 (NLT)

## 3. Pray for the \_\_\_\_\_ and their \_\_\_\_\_.

*“You see, if you do the right thing, you have nothing to be worried about from the rulers ... Look at it this way: The ruler is a minister of God to serve and benefit you. But he is also a minister of God executing wrath upon those who practice evil.”*  
Romans 13:3-4 (The Voice)

*“Be courageous! Let us fight bravely to save our people and the cities of our God. May the Lord’s will be done.”*  
2 Samuel 10:12 (NLT)

## 4. Pray for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ people.

*“Vindicate the weak and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.”* Psalm 82:3-4 (NASB)

*“Evil people must be removed before anyone can rule with justice.”* Proverbs 25:5 (CEV)

*“When there is moral rot within a nation, its government topples easily.”* Proverbs 28:2 (NLT)

*“The execution of justice is joy of the righteous, but is terror to the workers of iniquity.”* Proverbs 21:15 (NASB)

## 5. Pray for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*“There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me.”* 1 Corinthians 16:9 (NLT)

*“From one man God created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him—though He is not far from any one of us.”*  
Acts 17:26-27 (NLT)