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## **America is Returning to Her Roots**

Government leaders, state legislators, mayors, police and fire chiefs, clergy members, ordinary citizens... hundreds of thousands are beginning to stand up and say, “Enough!”

From the planting of a cross and prayers that were first offered at Jamestown in 1607, to a Declaration of Independence and our beloved Constitution, people in this country have placed their fervent trust in God. This simple act of humble faith has given our nation strength in wartime, dignity and compassion toward those less fortunate, and hope in the face of unprecedented challenges. **Today, a groundswell movement is gaining momentum and finding its voice across the United States.**

In 2011, members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus initiated a resolution to reaffirm “**In God We Trust**” as the National Motto, and their efforts became a landslide vote ([H. Res. 13](#)) in the House of Representatives—396/9 in favor of recognizing God’s enduring place in American culture. Government leaders continue to open their legislative sessions in prayer, have added our national motto to their state seals, prominently display the motto on government buildings, and strongly encourage schools to show it in their classrooms.

Congressman Randy Forbes, Founder and Co-chair of the Congressional Prayer Caucus, framed it perfectly, *“Throughout the more than two hundred-year history of our nation, prayer has played a vital role in strengthening the fabric of our society. The words [In God We Trust] can be ripped off all of our buildings and still, those Judeo-Christian principles are so interwoven in a tapestry of freedom and liberty, that to begin to unravel the one is to unravel the other.”*

In its partnership role, the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation (CPCF) initiated the, **“In God We Trust. Put It Up!” Million Window Campaign** to equip, empower, and mobilize leaders and citizens alike. Over 500,000 window decals have now been distributed, with more than a hundred members of Congress displaying them in their offices. They are appearing on police and fire vehicles, in schools and public buildings, in countless homes and businesses, and the campaign is widely supported by hundreds of state legislators.

Recent news reports include the Lake Charles, LA City Council voting to put the decals on police and fire vehicles, and the Mayor of China Grove, NC, championing the same cause. When Green County, MO sheriff, Jim Arnott, and his neighboring colleague, Doug Rader of Stone County, announced they were putting *In God We Trust* on their patrol cars, their Facebook page had over two million views, 50,000 supportive “likes,” and 16,000 shares. We are seeing that **faith still matters in America**.

CPCF Executive Director, Lea Carawan, acknowledges, *“There have been many legal challenges to the use and reference of our national motto over the years. Consistently and repeatedly, the courts have refused to find that the motto violates any First Amendment rights guaranteed to all Americans.”* She goes on to say, *“We must protect religious liberty. That’s how we make sure that this country is not dismantled by those who want to completely eradicate God from our history and from our future.”*

**Our Founders passionately debated and intentionally formed a “more perfect union” based on Judeo-Christian beliefs.** They understood this orientation provided the only valid and moral basis that would benefit and protect all people. In 1776, John Adams wrote to his minister cousin, Zabdiel Adams, about the important role these principles played in American government, *“[I]t is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue.”* Two hundred years later, President Ronald Reagan echoed these words, *“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction... without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure... If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under.”*

So what’s stirring in the soul and spirit of America – faith and trusting in God once again. ###

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