

**“WHAT TO DO DURING A WAR”**  
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**Key verses:**

*“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”* Romans 12:18 (NIV)

*“There is...a time for war and a time for peace.”* Ecclesiastes 3:1, 8 (NIV)

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

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**5 BIBLICAL REASONS FOR WHEN WAR IS THE RIGHT RESPONSE:**

- To preserve **FREEDOM**
- To defend **THE INNOCENT**
- To liberate **THE OPPRESSED**
- To stop **THE SPREAD OF EVIL**
- To replace **INJUSTICE WITH JUSTICE**

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

*“Much is required from those to whom much is given, for their responsibility is greater.”* Luke 12:48b (LB)

*“Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.”* James 4:17 (NLT)

**WHAT CAN I DO?**

**1. FOCUS ON GOD**

*“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)

*“Messengers came and told Jehoshaphat, ‘A vast army from Edom is marching against you...’ So people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to seek the Lord...Jehoshaphat prayed, ‘O Lord... You alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against You!...Whenever we are faced with any calamity such as war, disease, or famine, we can come to stand in Your presence before this Temple where Your name is honored. We can cry out to You to save us, and You will hear us and rescue us.’ ”*

2 Chronicles 20:2-9 (NLT)

## **2. PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS**

*“Pray in this way for kings and all others who are in authority over us, or are in places of high responsibility, so that we can live in peace and quietness, spending out time in godly living and thinking much about the Lord.”* 1 Timothy 2:2 (LB)

*“Without wise leadership, a nation is in trouble...”* Proverbs 11:14 (LB)

*“If you have no regard for the law, you are on the side of the wicked...Evil people do not know what justice is, but those who worship the Lord understand it well.”* Proverbs 28:4-5 (GN)

## **3. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AND THEIR FAMILIES**

*“People who do what is right don’t have to be afraid of the government...The government is God’s servant working for your good... The government has the right to carry out the death sentence. It is God’s servant, an avenger to execute God’s anger on anyone who does what is wrong.”* Romans 13:3-4 (GW)

*“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 PEOPLE OF IRAQ AND THEIR LIBERATION**

*“Defend the weak and the orphans; defend the rights of the poor and suffering. Save the weak and helpless; free them from the power of the wicked.”* Psalm 82:3-4 (NCV)

*“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)

*“When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.”* Proverbs 21:15 (NIV)

## **5. PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES AND RELIEF WORKERS**

*“...there is a wide open door for me to preach and teach here. So much is happening, but there are many enemies.”* 1 Corinthians 16:9 (LB)

*“From one man He (God) created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand which should rise and fall, and He determined their boundaries. His purpose in all of this was that the nations should 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)