

# Here's Why the Christian Church Must Get Involved Now

President Donald Trump has once again put religious freedom at the forefront of his agenda. Last week, during events surrounding the National Prayer Breakfast, he signed an executive order establishing a task force to combat anti-Christian bias within the federal government. This move comes amid rising reports of vandalism targeting conservative churches and pro-life centers, particularly after the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

Leading the charge is Attorney General Pam Bondi, who will oversee efforts to identify and eliminate unlawful policies, investigate anti-Christian violence, and ensure that faith-based Americans are not unfairly targeted by federal agencies. Additionally, Trump is creating the White House Faith Office, placing it in the West Wing and appointing Pastor Paula White to lead.

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For many Christians, this is a much-needed response to growing concerns that federal agencies, such as the FBI and DOJ, have unfairly scrutinized people of faith. A 2023 House report, for example, revealed an FBI memo suggesting traditional Catholics be monitored as potential security threats. Others point to parents being labeled extremists simply for objecting to progressive policies in schools. Critics, however, argue that prioritizing Christian issues may overlook broader religious freedom concerns.

## What Does the Bible Say About

## Persecution?

Persecution is nothing new for Christians. Jesus Himself warned believers that opposition would come: “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution,” (2 Tim. 3:12).

The Bible consistently reminds Christians that hardship is part of following Christ. Jesus told His disciples, “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you,” (John 15:18). Throughout history, the church has often thrived under pressure, spreading the gospel in the face of opposition.

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## Impact on the Mission of the Church

The question now is: How does this task force affect the church’s mission?

On one hand, ensuring Christians can freely express their beliefs without fear of government retaliation is crucial for spreading the gospel. If pastors, faith-based organizations, and everyday believers feel silenced, the church’s ability to reach the lost is hindered.

On the other hand, Jesus never promised political protection. In fact, the early church grew rapidly despite Roman oppression. While religious liberty is important, Christians must remember that the ultimate mission is not political power—it’s bringing people to Christ.

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If this task force results in fairer treatment for Christians, that’s a win. But the church must be careful not to rely on

political solutions for spiritual battles. Our greatest weapon has never been legislation—it's faith, prayer, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the transforming power of the Bible.

As President Trump's initiative unfolds, Christians should pray for wisdom, justice and above all, the courage to stand firm in faith—no matter what the world throws our way.

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