

Why We Flag

Flags take on many shapes and forms, some are huge and some are small, but ultimately the action of lifting a flag (or standard / banner) has meaning. Below we've shared just a few of the things communicated through this type of expressive worship.

Overview

- A sign of victory (Exodus 17:15)
- A method of communication (Psalm 74:4)
- Praise to God and affirmation of His goodness (Psalm 20:5)
- A sign of our fear of the Lord and His protection over us (Psalm 60:4)
- A point to draw the focus back to God (Isaiah 18:3)
- A declaration of love (Song of Solomon 2:4)
- A sign it's time to take action (Isaiah 13:2)
- A unifying force (Isaiah 11:12)
- A beckoning into and welcoming of the presence of the Lord (Isaiah 62:10)
- A sign the enemy needs to flee (Isaiah 30:17)
- A rally point for the warriors for battle (Jeremiah 51:27)
- A symbol of might (Song of Solomon 6:4)
- To bring life (Numbers 21:8, Isaiah 11:10, John 10:10)

These are just a few of the reasons we use flags. When we take into account that in addition to the meanings our actions of using a flag have, the colors have meaning as well (as does the prophetic meanings behind each flag), there are layers upon layers of meaning in this type of expressive worship - and all of it is making declaration in the spiritual realm. This is **an offering of praise** before our King. It costs us something to give it - whether that is our pride (because it can be embarrassing or feel silly to do it) or simply our energy (because He is worth the effort) regardless of the cost, it is an offering lovingly poured out to the One who is worthy.

Courtesy Suggestions

If you are flagging in a corporate environment, keep your eyes open and be aware of your surroundings. It's easy to be tempted to get caught up and close your eyes, but when there is the possibility of a person walking into your space, it is important to stay vigilant. Be intentional about using flags that are well-sized and crafted for your space. In the same way, if you are near people flagging, please **be mindful** of their space and give them room to move. Yes, they need to be mindful of their surroundings, but they can't see everywhere at once so be thoughtful about not hovering too close or walking into the area they are moving in.

To Him be all the glory. Happy worshipping!