

Citizens and leaders work together for peace.

WE GATHER

✝ *Jesus, help us to honor those who guide us.*

The laws of our country protect its citizens. We obey these laws and respect the women and men who enforce them.

👤 Write one way to show respect for each of the following people. Share your ideas.

Person	Ways to Show Respect
police officer	
firefighter	
crossing guard	
judge	

WE BELIEVE

We are called to respect all people. The Fourth Commandment requires us to respect those who have a responsibility for us.

We should have respect for our teachers, Church leaders, and all government leaders. These people are in positions of authority. Those in authority are called to respect the dignity of all people. They are asked to make sure that all people

are treated fairly. They are called to work for peace. The only time we should not obey people who are responsible for us is when they ask us to do something that is wrong or unjust.

In the Gospel of Matthew we find Jesus respecting law and authority. After he cured a man's skin disease, Jesus said, "See that you tell no one, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses prescribed" (Matthew 8:4).