

1 Peter 2:11 (NIV) Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

Philippians 3:20 (NIV) But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Discuss

- Think about a time when you met someone from another country. What did you notice about how they looked and spoke that gave you clues they were foreigners?
- If you have been to another country, how did you feel different from people you met? If people saw that you were the foreigner, how did they treat you different?
- What things about believers will demonstrate what our Bible verses say, we are "citizens of heaven" and "alien" to unbelievers.

Pray

- Thank God for the blessings you have in the country you live in.
- Pray that freedom to worship and to declare our faith in Jesus will be protected by the government.

Pray for citizens of other countries who do not



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- have the blessings and freedoms we have. Pray that God will encourage and strengthen Christians there.
- Pray that your life will demonstrate that you are a "citizen of heaven" and an "alien" in contrast to the world around us.

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