

# Half-Mast Flag Tracker (2000–2025)

## ■ TIMELINE OF MAJOR HALF-MAST ORDERS

Here are some of the most notable flag-lowering orders from 2000 to 2025:

- Sep 11, 2001 – 9/11 terrorist attacks (USA)
- Dec 14, 2012 – Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting (USA)
- May 25, 2020 – George Floyd's death (USA)
- Sep 8, 2022 – Death of Queen Elizabeth II (global)
- Oct 7, 2023 – Israel– Hamas conflict escalation (multiple countries)
- Apr 21, 2025 – Death of Pope Francis (global)

## ■ MEANING BEHIND THE SYMBOL

Each half-mast flag represents a story. It could signify:

- Mourning a public tragedy
- Honoring a military or civic leader
- Recognizing a protest or political moment
- Expressing international solidarity

## ■ QUICK LINKS TO FLAG STATUS TRACKERS

- United States: <https://www.usa.gov/flag>
- Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/half-masting-notice.html>
- UK: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flying-flags>
- Australia: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/government/australian-national-flag/flag-network>
- Global Tracker: <https://www.halfstaff.org/>

## ■ DID YOU KNOW?

- Flags are flown at 'half-staff' in the U.S. and 'half-mast' in Commonwealth nations.
- In some cases, the flag isn't lowered at all — it's just an internet rumor.
- Some local governments now use digital alerts instead of flagpoles.