

Praying for Law Enforcement

"FIRST OF all, then, I admonish and urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all men, For kings and all who are in positions of authority or high responsibility, that [outwardly] we may pass a quiet and undisturbed life [and inwardly] a peaceable one in all godliness and reverence and seriousness in every way. For such [praying] is good and right, and [it is] pleasing and acceptable to God our Savior, Who wishes all men to be saved and [increasingly] to perceive and recognize and discern and know precisely and correctly the [divine] Truth." 1 Tim. 2:1-4

1. Thank the LORD and ask for His richest and deepest blessings to be granted to who are willing to answer the call to "serve and protect" in law enforcement in our cities, states and nation. Rom. 13:1-14
2. Ask Him to continue to call forth men with a heart to be "peacemakers" who have a high sense of integrity and godly character, who can be leaders and examples of the righteousness and compassion of God. Rom. 13:1-14; Luke 10:30-37; Matt. 5:9; Ps. 82:3-4
3. Pray that God would be with them in time of need, that He would be their shield of protection, strength and help in time of trouble. Pray for God's protection to be upon all law enforcement officers who are often daily required to face potentially dangerous situations. Pray for travel safety for themselves and those around them as they drive, especially when needing to travel at high speeds in emergency situations or high speed chases.
4. Provide them with all of the equipment they need for their jobs, and protect that equipment so it works when it is needed. Ps. 91; Ps. 46:1; Ps. 23:1-6; Ps. 138:7; Deut. 33:27
5. Equip them with skill and discernment to know when to use deadly force and when the battle is not against flesh and blood. Train them to stand in the name of the LORD against the spirit of lawlessness that seeks to influence people to rebel against authority.
6. Pray that the Lord will protect them from the schemes of the enemy designed to erode respect for law enforcement and those who would seek to harm them in the function of their job. Ps. 35:1; Ps. 140; 2 Pet. 2:10; Eph. 6:10-12; Ps. 144:1; John 16:33; 2 Cor. 10:4; 1 John 4:3; 2 Thes. 2:7; Eph. 2:2; 2 Tim. 3:1-9
7. Pray for them to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, so none would be lost eternally as they work to uphold the laws of our land. 1 Tim. 2:1-4; Eph. 1:6-7; 2 Thes. 3:2-3
8. Give them courage do act and speak as necessary, fearing no evil but knowing You are with them as they walk even through the valley of the shadow of death. Ps. 23; Luke 21:26-27; 1 John 4:18; 2 Tim. 1:7
9. Ask the LORD to equip our law enforcement officers with gifts of godly wisdom, discernment and patience/compassion along with a love for the citizens they are called to protect. Pray that they will be able to quickly size up situations and note details necessary for making quick decisions and acting fast when necessary. Protect them from presumptuous sins. Ps. 19
10. Protect law officers from the stresses that can build in the performance of their jobs and can destroy them physically and emotionally, affecting their job performance and family life. Keep them from falling into haughtiness or abusing the power/authority they have been given. Guard their hearts from choosing alcohol, drugs, bitterness, cynicism that arise from feelings of defeat and discouragement. Teach them to cast their burdens on the LORD!
11. Pray for God's blessing and protection of the families of those in law enforcement. Lift up the husbands and wives, parents and children who must daily wait for their law enforcement officer to come home safely. Comfort the families of those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.
12. Pray they have wisdom to locate the guilty and for God's justice to prevail in the courts. Pray especially for victory over those organized forces of crime through whom the spirit of lawlessness particularly works: organized crime, gangs, and terroristic organizations, trafficking in drugs, sex and pornography. 1 Tim. 1:9-10; Eph. 2:1-7

Police Officer's Prayer

*God, whose great power and wisdom
embraces the universe,
Watch over all Police Officers
everywhere.*

*Protect them from harm in the
Performance of their duty to stop
crime, robbery and violence.*

*Help them keep our streets and homes
safe day and night.*

*We commend them to your loving care
because their duty is dangerous.*

*Give them strength and courage,
Grant them your Almighty protection.
Unite them safely with their families
after duty has ended. Amen*

PEACE OFFICER'S PRAYER

**A prayer written especially for all peace officers
by a peace officer. It reads in its entirety:**

*“Heavenly Father, I lay myself before your highest glory
and give thanks for the great blessing that you have bestowed upon me.
It is in your service and for your glory that I dutifully and honorably
take up arms against the prevailing darkness that plagues our earthly existence
and preys upon the innocent, impoverished and oppressed.*

*I humbly beseech you to walk with me in the pursuit of my calling;
a calling sanctified in your Son's word, “Blessed are the Peacemakers.”*

*Bless me with strength born of knowledge and fill me with grace, forgiveness,
and mercy in a righteous search for truth and justice.*

*Arm me with the patience of Job,
the strength of Samson,
the courage of David,
and the wisdom of Solomon
as I venture into lawless lands to perform my daily duties.*

*Shield me,
comfort me,
and relieve me of any burden of fear
as I battle those who visit evil upon me and those I've sworn to protect.*

*And if my enemy is strong, temper my sword with your justice
and let it be quick and righteously thrust against his thunder.*

*And when my day is done, reunite me with my band of brothers and sisters
and return me safely to my family and loved ones.*

*But Lord, if it is your will that I fall in battle,
then I pray that you assuage the grief of my loved ones.
Send angels to give them solace in knowing that I joyfully served you
in the cause of justice with all my heart and soul.*

I ask this in the holy name of your beloved Son and my Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Amen