

Prayers for Police and Firefighters

Prayer for Safety for First Responders

Lord, today, our brave police women and men go to work amidst danger. We know their job is risky, Lord, and we are concerned for their safety in the line of duty. As Psalm 147:3 says, you heal broken hearts and bind up the wounded.

Please grant them your almighty protection, a strong spirit, and loyalty to their fellow officers who serve internationally and under the American flag. Please stay by them and deliver them home safely to their families. Amen.

Prayer for Protection and Guidance in the Face of Danger

Dear God, You wield great power over your world and people. And though many people need your loving care, let me ask you to grant our local police department personalized attention today. Those brave men and women keep our homes, children, and businesses safe. You are the Lord whose great power and eternal wisdom embrace the world. Please watch over our police officers and guide them from danger. Please disarm any weapon used against them, and please protect them on the road. In Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

Police Officers' Prayer

Loving Father, thank you that you are always with us. We pray for police officers and ask that they would know your presence is with them as they face the challenges and demands of their job. When their work feels overwhelming, we ask that you would bring peace and clarity of mind. There is no purer source of peace and joy than you, Lord. You alone are worthy to receive our honor and worship for eternity. We exalt your powerful name above all other powers on the earth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Lord, we ask that you protect our brave police officers against those with malice and ill will. They're our first responders and our protectors from violence, robbery, and wickedness. Please walk beside them and protect them as they protect us. Amen.

Guide Our Police Prayer

Creator God, thank you that your voice prepares us for eternal life. As we pray for our police officers today, we ask you would meet every need they have in their work. We ask that your strength would flow through them, giving the endurance they need to carry on. Give them encouragement that the work they do represents your character of justice and peace. We look forward to a day with no injustice and no oppression when you reign forever. We join with all creation in adoration of your precious name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Prayer for Firefighters

Mighty and everlasting God, You send Your servants for every occasion. In Your abundant love for humans, You have provided selfless civil servants who help to uphold and maintain Your created order. Among these, firefighters are among the most valiant and brave. They are a wonderful gift You have provided for society. Bless these heroes and keep them safe in their noble vocation, that they may exhibit Your sacrificial love day in and day out and go home safely to their families. Amen

Prayers for Government Officials

A Prayer for our President

Father, our president carries an enormous burden. The decisions made by the President of the United States affect the lives of people not just in our nation, but all over the world, and he especially needs your touch to lead. Strengthen him, Lord. Give him wisdom and grace. Let him speak and act with honesty and integrity in all situations. Give him a glimpse of how much you love him and how much you love the world you created. Draw him to yourself, Jesus, into an ever-closer relationship with you. Anoint him with your Holy Spirit.

Speak to him in the quiet moments as well as amid the chaos. Soften his heart and make him a true servant leader. Bring strong, wise, and spiritually mature people to surround him. Speak truth to him through the voices of those he trusts. Give him wisdom to reject the voices of those who would urge him to seek only personal power and glory. Let him know, deep in his soul, that only with and through YOU is the victory won. Only through your power is our country and our world made whole. In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Prayer for Members of Congress

Lord, we pray for our members of Congress, both in the Senate and the House of Representatives. Reveal yourself to them and bring them closer to you, each in their own unique way, that they may hear your voice clearly and distinctly. Speak to them of truth, integrity, justice, and fairness. Return them, we pray, to the good and lofty aspirations they had when they ran for office in the first place — to help others, to right wrongs, and to make the world a more beautiful place.

Give each one of them strength to reach out to those across the aisle and work together. We boldly pray that you would bind their hearts together in ways they would not have imagined; let them declare, as King David did, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1 NIV). (Jesus, we believe what you said, "what is impossible with man, is possible with God" [Luke 18:27 NIV].)

Let them see the good works done by people of faith across their states and their districts. Let their eyes be opened to what you are doing through your Church and the precious believers across the country. Give them a desire to promote things that honor you, not just their own political careers. Cut through the clutter of politics-as-usual and self-promotion. Let them hear your voice speak to them of honor, sacrifice and purity. In Jesus' name, Amen.

A Prayer for State Leaders

Heavenly Father, just as you gave wisdom to Moses to appoint elders among the Israelites, you blessed our founders with the wisdom to divide our country into individual states. You have empowered our governors and state legislators to make laws and decrees which manage our daily lives, make our lives safe, and protect us from federal government overreach. We pray for our governor and our state legislature. Please give strength and wisdom to them and guide their decisions and may they always put love first. Surround them with people from all walks of life and many backgrounds. Bring to them people of high moral character and spiritual maturity. Among the many voices which cry out to them every day, may they hear your voice above all others. As we look to our governors for assurance and guidance, especially at times of crisis, inspire them and speak through them by the power of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A Prayer for Local Leaders

Jesus, you were born in a little town. You grew up under the authority of local leaders and officials who managed the majority of your daily life. We lift up our local leaders today. We pray for our mayors, city councils, county commissioners, police chiefs, judges, and all who serve our local communities. Strengthen them with wisdom and grace for the heavy burdens they carry. May they manage their teams and projects with love. Keep their hearts pure and their eyes turned toward your face as they work in the best interests of the people they are called to serve.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayers for Schools

Prayer for School Principals, Assistant Principals, and Administrators

Lord, I want to lift up all of our school principals, assistant principals, and administrators. There has been so many things that have happened this last year, from threats of violence and a wave of sickness, to possible budget cuts. I pray for their mental and emotional health and for their families.

I pray that you strengthen them each day as they seek to lead. I pray you guide them as they make hard decisions. I pray you encourage them as they look at, in some cases, what are dire circumstances. I don't know all that they face but I wanted to lift them all up to you, in the name of our Strength, Lord Jesus, Amen.

Prayer for School Administration Support Staff

God in heaven, we wanted to ask you to watch over the staff at our school. We pray for the principal and the assistant principal too, but especially for the school administration support staff.

Most people rarely see them or know their names unless they have to interact with them directly. But each of them shows up consistently and does their job with skill and a smile on their face. We pray for them to be encouraged, as what they take care of makes the whole school work for the teachers and students.

Without them there at the school, things at the school would not run smoothly and a whole lot of important stuff would fall through the cracks. We pray for them to be paid well and be blessed in their daily lives. We make these requests through the name of Jesus, Amen.