

Prayer Topic #11:

A Prayer for Public Service Personnel in the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 66:1-12, Mark 9:33-35

Reflections of the Heart:

It takes a small army of men and women to make sure that a city the size of Houston runs smoothly. Take time out to thank God for those who work in the public service sector.

Scriptural Prayer:

Our Father, we thank You for the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area. Thank You for the public service personnel who serve in the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area day and night. We thank You for rescuing them when they are in trouble, protecting them and preserving their lives. We thank You, Father, for blessing them and providing for them. Lord, we sing a new song to You. The whole earth sings to You and praises Your Name. Each day we will proclaim the good news that You alone save. We will publish Your glorious deeds among the nations and tell everyone about the amazing things that You do. Lord, You are great and most worthy of praise! You are to be feared above all gods. The earth is Yours and everything in it; the world and all of its people belong to You.

Invincible Father, we declare that the public service personnel in the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area are blessed because they serve others. We confess that each public service worker will trust in You and keep their thoughts fixed on You, so that they walk in Your perfect peace. We decree that they will trust in You with all of their hearts and not depend on their own understanding. They will seek Your will in all that they do and we expect You to show them which path to take. They will do what is well-pleasing to You. Lord, they are protected from violence, physical injuries and abusive or threatening incidents in their workplaces. We declare that they will live in the shelter of the Most High, and find rest in the shadow of You, the Almighty. We confess that You alone are their refuge, place of safety, their God and they will put their trust in You.

Do you know a public service worker? If so, ask the Holy Spirit how you should pray specifically for them:

Faithful Father, please continue to bless our public service personnel in the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area. Bless the employees of city, county and municipal agencies. Please help each public service worker to overcome doubt, depression, fear, anxiety, loss of sleep, irritability and troubling relationships with family, friends or co-workers. Increase their ability to function at work and home. Holy Spirit, touch the hearts of the administrators, supervisors and managers to be Godly, fair, compassionate and full of Your love. Help them to make decisions that are favorable to both their employees and the community at large. Father, provide economic increases in our city so that our public service personnel are paid fairly. Let Your peace envelope their homes, families and workplaces. Help the citizens of our city recognize the invaluable contribution that our public service workers provide on a daily basis.

Everlasting Father, forgive each public service worker for any sin he or she has committed. Forgive those who are not fulfilling their commitments to help build safe and healthy communities. Forgive those who do not operate in love or compassion. Forgive those workers who are selfish and unconcerned about the issues of safety, health, education, child care and other vital services. Forgive the citizens of the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area for not appreciating the work that our public service workers do on a daily basis. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind our public service personnel of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, remind our public service personnel to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Lord, You existed before anything was created and are supreme over all Your creation. Through Christ Jesus, You made everything, those things we can see and those things we can't see. You existed before anything else and You hold all creation together. We bless and honor Your Holy Name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 96:1-4, Psalm 24:1, Psalm 41:1-3, Isaiah 26:3, Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 91:14-15, Psalm 91:1-2, Matthew 6:13, Colossians 1:15-17

Today, I will trust God to:
