

A Prayer for Public Service Personnel in the Houston Metropolitan Area

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 66:1-12, Matthew 25:31-46

Reflections of the Heart:

So many people serve this city faithfully to make sure it operates smoothly. The next time you see a public service workers, thank them for their service.

Scriptural Prayer:

Father, 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. Thank You, Lord, for the Houston Metropolitan Area. Thank You for the public service workers who serve our great city day in and day out. Thank You for being the banner and shield for this city.

Father, we declare that the public service workers for the 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. We decree that they will do what is well-pleasing to You. Lord, 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. We declare that 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 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 for them:

Father, please bless all of our public service personnel including Mayor Bill White, the Houston City Council, the Houston Police Department and the Houston Fire Department. 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. Lord, touch the hearts of the administrators, supervisors and managers to be godly, fair, compassionate and full of Your love. Lord, 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 service personnel are paid fairly. Let Your peace envelope their homes, families and workplaces. Help the citizens of this city recognize the invaluable contribution that our public service workers provide on a daily basis.

Lord, 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 Houston Metropolitan area for not appreciating the work that our public service workers do on a daily basis. Show our public service workers those they need to forgive; and help them to forgive.

Lead them not into 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:
