

## Words of Encouragement to the Kansas City Missouri Police Department

Dear Officers of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department,  
I want to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude and heartfelt encouragement to each and every one of you. The role you play in maintaining the safety and well-being of our community is invaluable, and your dedication does not go unnoticed.

In times of challenge and adversity, your courage, commitment, and professionalism stand as a beacon of hope and stability. The sacrifices you make, often at great personal cost, exemplify the highest standards of service and integrity. Each day, you step into situations that most people would shy away from, and you do so with unwavering resolve to protect and serve.

I understand that the demands of your profession can be overwhelming, and the impact of your work can weigh heavily on your shoulders. Yet, it is precisely in these moments that your strength and resilience shine the brightest. Remember that your efforts make a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals and families. Your presence provides reassurance, your actions ensure justice, and your compassion fosters trust within our community.

As you continue to navigate the complexities of your duties, may you find strength in knowing that you have the support and appreciation of those you serve. Your work is a vital pillar of our society, and your commitment to justice and safety is deeply respected. Please take care of yourselves and look out for one another, as your well-being is essential to the invaluable service you provide.

In closing, I offer you this verse from Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

May this reminder of divine presence and support bring you comfort and fortitude as you carry out your important work. Thank you for your bravery, your dedication, and your unwavering commitment to the people of Kansas City. You are truly appreciated.

With deepest respect and gratitude,  
KCPD Chaplain Pastor Tony P. Johnson