

Dear K.C.P.D. family,

I certainly resonate with the demanding calling you have as you serve the citizens of Kansas City, Missouri. Serving in law enforcement whether a sworn officer or a civilian employee requires a unique kind of perseverance. The daily challenges can be exhausting, and the weight of responsibility can feel overwhelming. For police officers, seeing humanity's darker side can lead to cynicism. For a dispatcher, hearing the darker side can lead to cynicism knowing what your officers are enduring. Faith provides a different perspective on things in this world; it conveys a vision of redemption and a hope that good can triumph over evil. Each time a situation de-escalates, or a life is changed, you witness a small miracle that proves your work matters. Jesus himself experienced discouragement from those who rejected him, yet he endured. He knows your struggles, and his grace is sufficient for you.

The Bible reminds us, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). This powerful promise is a spiritual shield for you. It means that no matter how dark the street is, or how difficult the situation, you are not alone. Your faith can be a wellspring of resilience when your own resolve is running low.

We want you to be assured that your Chaplains do continue to pray for you, and though we do not pray a set repetitious prayer for you; this prayer is a collaborative concern of our hearts for you men and woman.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the men and women who serve this city through the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. We ask that you grant them the courage to face and conquer their fears, the strength to protect others, and the dedication to do their work with integrity. When they grow weary, we pray you give them new strength like wings to run and not grow tired (Isaiah 40:28-31). Be at their side in every situation and remind them that you are their refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1). Please, bring them safely home to their families at the end of each shift. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Have a God centered blessed day!

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