

PRAYER OF ONE WHO SERVES AS A
MEMBER OF THE POLICE

O good Lord, I know well that thou art all perfect and are in need of nothing. Yet, I know that thou hast taken upon thyself the nature of man and, not only so, but in that nature didst come upon this earth and suffer all manner of evil and didst die for our sake. This is sacred history which has spilled from the heavens with light and glory and great promise for all who believe in thee.

O dear Lord, thou didst suffer in no ordinary way but unheard of and extreme torments. Indeed your agony still cries from the streets where we labor. This is the truth of the Gospel which has shaped my vision and my hope for all that is meaningful to me. You are the one foundation, Jesus Christ crucified. I know it O Lord, I believe it and I place this faith steadily before my eyes and heart.

And, here I am, a member of the police force, sworn to serve and protect the citizens of our city and in so doing bound to meet up with the two glaring portraits of life, sin and evil, goodness and virtue that collide on the streets of the living. I cannot do this task alone. All I know is that I am in sore need of your guidance and direction that I may judge wisely and discern truthfully; that especially in times of danger I may offer my life to you and for others and that in face of genuine encounters with the virtue of citizens I may praise them and be for them myself a symbol of honor and justice.

I left home this day to serve thee and thy people. I pray you bring me back home safely with my family and loved ones, only to again serve as I am want to do this day and every day. In all things honoring you as the Lord of my life, AMEN

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