

## PRAYER GUIDE: SAN ANTONIO POLICE OFFICERS & FIRST RESPONDERS

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#### Repentance in the land:

First, as we stand in the gap today as did the prophets of old, we repent for the sins of the land and of this city. We repent for defiling the land through perverse actions (Lev 18). Forgive us for idol worship and witchcraft (Deut 11:13-17), for broken covenants (Isa 24:5-6), for the shedding of innocent blood (Num 35:33-34, Eze 36:16-18), and for profaning Your name. Father, forgive us for our sin and heal our land (Il Chron 7:14). Father, we plead the blood of Jesus over San Antonio, the blood that speaks a better word (Heb 12:24). We ask You that mercy would triumph over judgement (James 2:13). And in Your mercy, may we be established in Your foundations of justice and righteousness (Psa 89).

### Christ's victory over darkness, the enemy, and his strongholds:

Lord, we come into agreement with Your word that You are a victorious warrior and that You prevail against Your enemies (Isa 42:13). Jesus, Son of God, You appeared to destroy the works of the devil (I John 3:8b). You put all things in subjection under Your feet (Eph 1:22). Jesus, You disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. You made a public spectacle of them, having triumphed over them (Col 2:15). We ask and believe that we will see the enemy's defeat on full display in San Antonio. In the name of Jesus, we bind the spirit of violence (Matt 16:19). And we rebuke the spirit of death in Jesus' name. We declare that chaos and confusion must flee. The weapons of our warfare have divine power to demolish strongholds (II Cor 10:4), and we will stand firm and look on as strongholds crumble under the mighty name of Jesus.

### Freedom from chains and captivity:

Father, we stand in the gap for those bound in chains, and we cry out for freedom from sin and death (Rom 8:2). We declare that truth will be heard throughout San Antonio, and that Your truth will set many free (John 8:32). Freedom from all snares and traps of the enemy. Lord, fiercely pursue those carrying out the schemes of the enemy, that they may turn and seek Your face (Psa 83:15,16). We decree salvation, healing, and deliverance for all in our city (Luke 4:18) as many come to know the breadth, length, height, and depth of the love of Jesus Christ. And we pray, especially for the youth, that they would experience Your great love and be rooted and grounded in You (Eph 3:14-21).

### Christ's protection, resurrection life, and restoration:

Father, we ask You to be a shield about our officers/first responders, and their families (Psa 3:3), for You are a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble (Psa 9:9). May they be surrounded with songs of deliverance (Psa 32:1). May they be delivered from trauma. And may they receive power, love, and a sound mind (II Tim 1:7). May the great river of God flow over them and bring refreshment and healing. We declare that dead places come alive as bitter waters are made sweet (Eze 47:1-12). May Your sons and daughters overflow with joy, peace, and hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom 5:13). And finally, we ask that You would restore unto them, the years the locusts have stolen; and may You restore praise to their lips as You work wonders among them (Joel 2:25-26).

## Pray as Holy Spirit leads over all officers/first responders including:

- Officers/first responders who have been injured or who are battling illness
- Officers/first responders on light duty waiting to heal and return to work
- Officers/first responders struggling with compassion fatigue and mental stress
- · Marriage, family, and financial struggles
- Families of fallen officers/first responders

- Families of all officers/first responders
- · Victims and their families
- · Perpetrators, offenders, and their families
- Youth of our city

# Speak blessings over:

Officers, first responders, retired officers, dispatchers, and crime scene investigators. SAPD wellness units such as family assistance officers, peer support, mental health, psychology services, and chaplains. High stress units such as Homicide, Traffic Investigations, Family Violence, and Special Victims Unit.

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