

Week 5

Our Nation and Community: Police

Calvary: Leadership and Call Committee

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Our police are called on to deal with crimes, disturbances and problems of all kinds. Some are extremely dangerous and some are basic acts of help to those in need. Scripture acknowledges that our world is not a safe place. Sin and evil are an enemy and a constant threat. The police are one resource God establishes under government authority to provide as a deterrent to the lawlessness that pervades our land. We need to thank God for their service and pray for their well-being.

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The leaders in our church are also servants under God's authority to provide protection, instruction, encouragement and help to the church body. May God equip them with everything good for doing his will.

<p>Monday Morning Aug 1</p>	<p>Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Pray that police humbly, recognize their God ordained role as peacemakers and that the people they serve will respect that service.</li><li>● Pray that they have patience and compassion when needed.</li></ul>
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Monday evening	<p>2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pray for the pastor and elders, that they would continually seek God and be obedient to his voice.</li> <li>● Pray for the pastor and elders that they would exercise their spiritual gifts under the power of the Holy Spirit.</li> </ul>
Tuesday Morning Aug 2	<p>Titus 3:1 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pray that police will have the wisdom to exercise authority justly.</li> <li>● Pray that the people will be respectful to all police.</li> </ul>
Tuesday evening	<p>Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pray for our teachers and youth leaders, that they would walk in the strength of the Lord.</li> <li>● Pray for the call committee to be steadfast in their mission!</li> <li>● Pray that God would provide encouragement and inspiration in their service.</li> </ul>
Wednesday Morning Aug 3	<p>Proverbs 21:15 When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Police must confront the evil in the world on a regular basis. Pray that they will be protected from evil in all of its forms.</li> <li>● Pray for the families of police, that they would remain strong, healthy and supportive of each other.</li> </ul>
Wednesday evening	<p>Matthew 20:26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pray for the pastor, elders and vestry, that each would lead with a servant's heart.</li> <li>● Pray that God would provide them strength and godly motivation.</li> </ul>
Thursday Morning Aug 4	<p>Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. Psalms 82:3 Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pray that police would find joy and satisfaction in upholding justice.</li> <li>● Pray that police would have wisdom, understanding and compassion when working with the poor, the weak and oppressed.</li> </ul>

Thursday evening	Galatians 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pray that God would supply spiritual nourishment to all our church leaders.</li> <li>● Pray that would God would provide a new pastor that is exactly right for what we need</li> </ul>
Friday Morning Aug 5	1 Peter 2:16 Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. 17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pray that God will restrain evil in our communities.</li> <li>● Pray that police will be God’s instrument in confronting evil and promoting peace.</li> </ul>
Friday evening	Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pray that God would give direction and purpose to our leaders and that they would be attentive and obedient.</li> </ul>
Saturday Morning Aug 6	Romans 5:7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Police put their life and safety on the line on a daily basis. Pray for their protection. Pray for their encouragement. Be thankful for their sacrifice.</li> </ul>
Saturday evening	James 1:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pray that our leaders would live a spirit-filled life, full of all that is good and proper.</li> </ul>