

National Day of Prayer for Your Police – Thursday 30th May 2019

Dear Friend

'Pray4YourPolice'

I am writing to tell you about 'Pray4YourPolice' a new UK wide prayer initiative that the Christian Police Association (CPA) is launching this spring. The aim is to encourage individuals and churches to mobilise in prayer for their local police and for the communities they serve. Our Project Leader for this initiative is Paul Wilson, and he has also prepared additional supplementary information and a prayer "toolkit" for your use.

At a time of real challenge and rising violent crime in our nation, we believe that our God is calling us to intercede for our land like never before. In CPA, we have felt challenged by words from Isaiah 54:2-3.

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back, lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes - for you will spread out to the right and to the left...."

We believe that God is challenging us in CPA and indeed, the church as a whole to enlarge our vision *'to not hold backto spread out to the left and right'* across our nation and to mobilise in prayer. We believe that God is calling CPA to play a vital part in that vision.

We want to ask you to consider partnering with CPA and with your local police, to pray for them and for the challenges they face in policing your community. We want to help you (and your church) pray for the police and your community.

However, our aim in 'Pray4YourPolice' rather than setting up another prayer scheme is very much to help strengthen existing prayer strategies that you may be involved in, such as 'Thy Kingdom Come' or '24/7 prayer' by joining with you and bringing the unique perspective and depth of insight that the police service can offer.

Why do this? Well, for two reasons. Firstly, the police service needs your prayers. The police stand in the front line of the battle against wrongdoing and injustice in our society. Every single day police officers deal with situations that the rest of us run from. They routinely witness appalling trauma and the very worst that human beings can do to one another. In the vast majority of cases, police officers do so with incredible courage and compassion, protecting the most vulnerable from harm. Secondly, because we are actively encouraged to. In his letter to Timothy, Paul writes;



'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for allin authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives.' [1 Timothy 2]
God's word couldn't be clearer; we all have a responsibility to pray for those in authority.

But this letter is also an offer of help. The Christian Police Association has active branches of our charity across the UK. We can help you link in with your local police, to enable you to get to know them, to pray for them and to pray for the challenges they face in your community.

How can you help? The annual '**National Day of Prayer for the Police**' which CPA organises, is being held this year on **Thursday 30th May**. As part of the 'Pray4Your Police' initiative this year, we are looking to hold prayer events across the UK and we want to ask for your support. We would love to see as many churches as possible join with us on 30th May, to pray for their local police and for the communities they serve.

But we don't want this to be a 'one-off' prayer event, we want to use this as a catalyst for ongoing prayer and a closer relationship between local churches and the police. To that end, we have already contacted every Chief Constable in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, asking that they encourage their officers to link in with local faith communities in their area. At the same time CPA is making a prayer 'toolkit' resource available for to help you pray more effectively for your local police and for the challenges the police face.

For more information about the '**Pray4YourPolice**' initiative and how to get involved, please contact office@cpauk.net or go to www.cpauk.net

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your support. We look forward to partnering with you.

Yours Sincerely



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