



In Honor of 9/11:

Prayers for Our First Responders

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Prayer for Emergency Medical Professionals

Father,

We thank you for the technology and intelligence You have provided that have given us access to treatments and medicine we have never had before. We know that all healing comes from You. At times, those who work in the medical field, which includes doctors, nurses, technicians, and EMTs, can see such traumatic injuries that those of us not in their area of work couldn't withstand. They may become exposed to life-threatening viruses and bacteria that can also hurt them.

We ask You to put Your hedge around them so that any germ they encounter will die before it can invade their bodies, too. We ask You for wisdom in treatment decisions and the ability to be calm and gentle when dealing with difficult patients.

We ask You to give access to life-saving medicine and the necessary equipment to always be made available to them.

Amen.

Jesus answered them,

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick."

- Luke 5:31 NIV



Emergency Medical Professionals Continued

Your Prayer / Reflection

Use this space to reflect on the prayer you've just read. What is the Lord stirring in your heart? Jot down your thoughts, personal prayers, or any names of EMS you feel led to lift up.



For the one in authority is God's
servant for your good.

BUT IF YOU DO WRONG, BE AFRAID,
FOR RULERS DO NOT BEAR THE
SWORD FOR NO REASON.

They are God's servants, agents
of wrath to bring punishment
on the wrongdoer.

-Romans 13:4



Prayer for Police Officers

Father,

Thank You for the men and women who faithfully discharge their duties to fight the criminal element. Because of the fall of man, evil has enveloped the world. Those who don't know You act on that emptiness within by allowing selfishness and greed to dominate their actions which cause robberies, murder, and assault. Please provide the funds our law enforcement personnel need to keep their equipment up to date and to have a fully funded staff. Provide for their protection as they fight criminal elements in every city. Help them know how to talk to perpetrators who may be holding hostages so that no one gets hurt. Give them compassion during painful situations that involve children and parents so they can do the right thing for all involved.

Help them know how to discern lies from the truth when they investigate and interview suspects. Please show them clues that will help solve crimes so the guilty ones won't go free.

Give them the ability to stop unsafe situations before they start, as they may interact with disturbed and panicked people who try to get away from danger.

Amen.



Police Officers Continued

Your Prayer / Reflection



Prayer for Firefighters

Father in heaven,

You are Lord over this earth. You have given us the blessing of living on Your creation. Sometimes, things happen that cause great grief. Thank You for bestowing the desire to help others into certain individuals that give them the sacrificial spirit to risk their lives to save others. We pray for Your shield of protection on firefighters as they work to save homes, businesses, and land. We pray for all the resources they need to be provided for them, that they will have access to water for their hoses and the suppression appliances that will put these flames to an end.

Losing a home to a fire is a nightmare no one wants to experience. The loss of possessions can't compare to the loss of a family member in this tragic way. We thank You for these men and women who traverse into fiery jungles to determine if living persons, or even pets, may be in harm's way.

Please give each department the necessary personnel to get the job done. May leadership be wise in determining where they are needed the most.

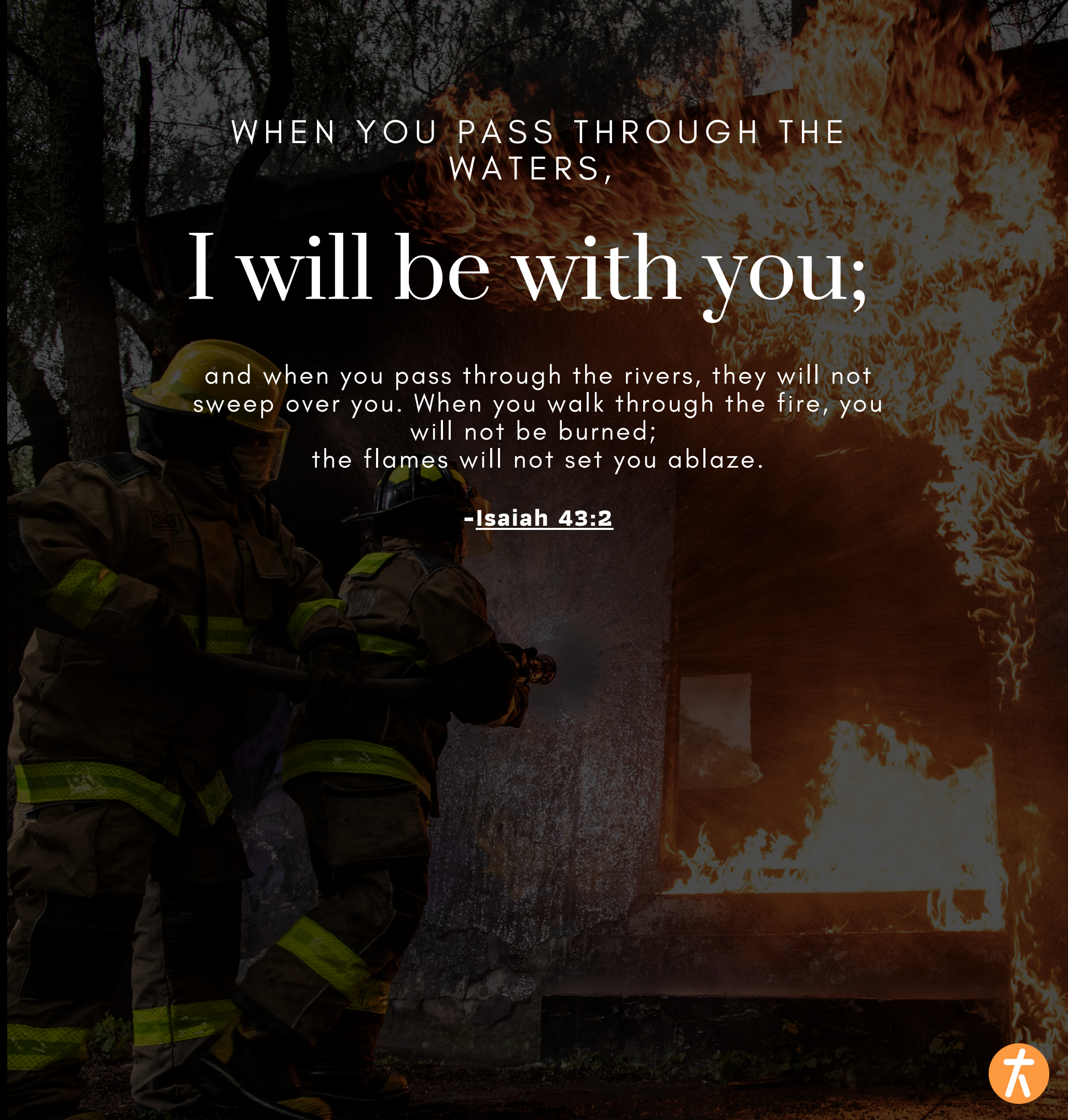
Amen.

WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE
WATERS,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers, they will not
sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you
will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

-Isaiah 43:2



Police Officers Continued

Your Prayer / Reflection



WHATEVER YOU DO,
**work at it with all
your heart,**

AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR
HUMAN MASTERS. (COLOSSIANS 3:23)



Prayer for Electrical Linemen

Lord,

In our modern world, we have become so accustomed to our comforts that we can get grumpy when they are interrupted. Storms can take out power, and we can't cook or have lights for some time. The crews that work to repair downed power lines need your protection, also, Lord. They may be working in bad weather to complete their jobs.

Help us to be patient with the work that needs to be done and learn to live without certain conveniences for a while. Give us the knowledge to prepare ahead of time, so when we don't have electricity, we can still do what is necessary. We can find other ways to cook, and we can live without checking email. Our ability to text or make phone calls does provide us with a way to check on loved ones, but we can certainly live without playing electronic games or watching movies.

Help us to appreciate those who give up their comforts to go out into the night to bring us light again.

Amen.



Police Officers Continued

Your Prayer / Reflection



Construction Workers, Clean Up Crews, and Rescue and Recovery

Dear God,

These recent hurricanes and floods left so much destruction that will require months and years of clean-up. Please guide the crews that will build roads and bridges to find the areas they need to work on first.

We ask You for the necessary supplies to come to areas that are hit hard and left without anything. Help them get through the debris and washed-out roads to free people who may be trapped. Keep these workers safe as they traverse dangerous ground.

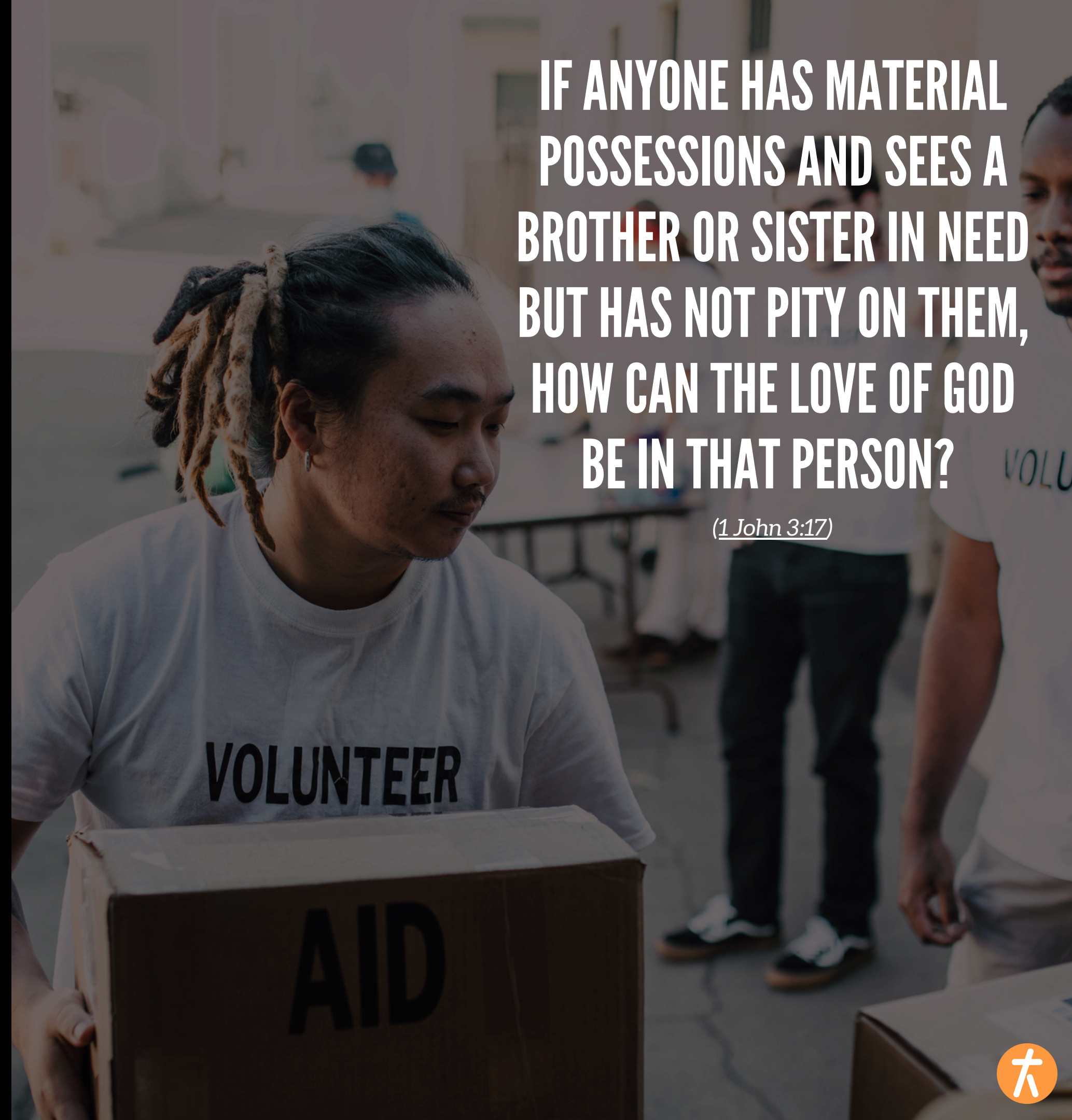
Help them to know where they can go to avoid other tragedies. Protect their emotions as they may find people who have died.

Thank you to the organizations that provide relief. Give us discernment regarding monetary donations and volunteer opportunities to help them continue with their work.

Amen.

**IF ANYONE HAS MATERIAL
POSSESSIONS AND SEES A
BROTHER OR SISTER IN NEED
BUT HAS NOT PITY ON THEM,
HOW CAN THE LOVE OF GOD
BE IN THAT PERSON?**

(1 John 3:17)



Police Officers Continued

Your Prayer / Reflection

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, AN EVER-
PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE.

Therefore we will not fear,

THOUGH THE EARTH GIVE WAY AND THE MOUNTAINS
FALL INTO THE HEART OF THE SEA, THOUGH ITS
WATERS ROAR AND FOAM AND THE MOUNTAINS
QUAKE WITH THEIR SURGING.

(Psalm 46:1-2)



Prayer for Military Members

Dear God,

Thank You for giving us a military force to protect our country in various times of attack from foreign invaders and groups. We also thank You that we have these forces to assist in times of disasters, where National Guardsmen and Coast Guard protect and save those who are trapped.

It's unfortunate that during times of calamity we see crime escalate, so we ask that You give the National Guard the insight and wisdom to halt looting of damaged property. Please protect these men and women who may come into situations where they are required to use force against the guilty to be able to protect the innocent.

Help the Coast Guard find those who may have been swept away in torrential waters. Keep them safe, as they may still sail or fly into hazardous weather conditions to search for stranded citizens.

Amen.



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Your Prayer / Reflection

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