

Prayer Service of Support and Gratitude

to

Our Police, Firefighters, Paramedics and EMTs



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

August 28, 2016

***Music provided by the
Knights of Columbus Holy Saviour Choir***

Stand

OPENING SONG: GOD OF OUR FATHERS MI 634

Be seated

WELCOME: Father Mulranen

OPENING PRAYER:

Loving and gracious God, Divine Protector, you are the source of our hope and the wellspring of our strength and courage.

Our society needs men and women of integrity, courage, common sense and common decency who can provide protection and help at all times and in all places.

You call and inspire the best in our society to accept a life built on the protection of others. We name these generous servants: Police men and women, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Services personnel. They play an indispensable role in building our nation by protecting our cities and neighborhoods which in turn strengthens our society.

May all people of good will show their thanks and support for these courageous women and men who daily put themselves in harm's way as they protect others whom they may not even know.

We thank God for inspiring them to answer the call to serve and we beg God, this evening to give them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must

make a split second decision, inner strength when they are weary and compassion in their work.

When the alarm sounds, help them to faithfully serve you as they help all in their care.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Stand

SACRED SCRIPTURE: A reading from the holy gospel according to St. Luke,

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

READER: Luke 10: 30-37 The Good Samaritan

The gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Be seated

SHORT REFLECTION: Father Mulranen

SONG as names are carried forward. Prayer of St. Francis

Stand

INTERCESSIONS

OPENING PRAYER: Lord Jesus, we give you thanks and praise for all of these courageous men and women. We ask you to hear us as we pray for their needs:

RESPONSE: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For protection for all men and women who place their lives on the line every time they respond to human need, we pray to the Lord.

2. For strength for their families and their loved ones and for peace in their homes, we pray to the Lord.

3. For their health and emotional well-being as they meet the challenges that daily puts them in harms way, we pray to the Lord.

4. For compassion and restraint in dealing with the weakest and the marginalized in our society. May they see the suffering of humanity and respond with kindness, we pray to the Lord.

5. For a spirit of common brotherhood that it may touch persons of every race in our nation bringing an end to violence and misunderstanding, we pray to the Lord

6. For all those who have given their lives so that others may live safely and peacefully, we pray to the Lord.

CLOSING PRAYER:

**BLESSING OF ALL POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS AND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHO ARE PRESENT.**

SONGS: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH MI 532

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Please join us in the Hall for fellowship