

## **Election Spiritual Warfare Prayer - County/City Law Enforcement**

There is a pernicious, demonic doctrine that has infected our culture called “social justice” - or in the words of Ibram X Kendi, “The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination. The only remedy to present discrimination is future discrimination.” I assume, based on this statement from Ibram X Kendi, that he thinks racial discrimination is a bad thing or unjust, and I agree. So, let’s follow the logic of this social justice warrior. We will replace the word *discrimination* with the word *injustice*. “The only remedy to past *injustice* is present *injustice*. The only remedy to present *injustice* is future *injustice*.” If you take his statement to its logical conclusion, it simply means that he wants to foment a perpetual state of discrimination and injustice. This kind of foolishness is evil. And this evil is metastasizing in every part of our government agencies, but it has its most detrimental consequences in the judicial system and our educational system, because it perverts justice and creates racial animosity. God has a better way. Instead of perpetuating discrimination and injustice, God says to overcome those evils with righteousness, with justice, and with doing “good.”

**ROMANS 12:21** *Do not be overcome by evil, but **overcome evil with good.***

As Pastor John MacArthur says, “Whenever you add any qualifier to the word justice, it is no longer justice. It is a perversion of justice.” This is true because justice needs no modification, it just needs to be carried out faithfully. For that to happen, there needs to be faithful magistrates who are willing to put their lives on the line for the sake of the protection and good of the population. In the words of **ROMANS 13:4**: *The authorities are God’s servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God’s servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong.*

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Law enforcement officers who serve righteously are a gift from God, and we should be grateful for them. In the words of George Orwell, “People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf.”

This is what we will be contending for in our prayers today. As we approach today’s prayer, let’s remember we are praying that God would uphold civic righteousness - justice - and move on behalf of the people by taking the necessary action that would result in salvation and repentance or removal from office, in this election, of those officials who continue to use their power and authority to mock God’s law and promote evil and injustice. Or that God, at a minimum, would constrain their evil influence.

Additionally, for those who are God-fearing and are committed to righteousness, we are praying that God will bless them, protect them, and increase their influence in our communities, so that they would be able to grow in their capacity to contribute to human flourishing in our county and individual cities.

So, the motivation of our prayers is that God's justice, sovereignty, and protection of righteousness would flourish. Specifically, our heart’s desire is that our county/city law enforcement officers (and candidates) would fear God, respect His law, respond to the gospel for salvation, and seek righteousness, both for their personal wellbeing and for human flourishing of our community.

**Our scripture reading is:**

**PROVERBS 14:34** *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.*

**EXODUS 23:2** *You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice.*

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**LEVITICUS 19:15** *You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.*

**Our prayer focus will be on... County/City Law Enforcement**

Law Enforcement

Judges

District Attorneys

Chiefs of Police and Officers

Sheriffs and Deputies

*(List any other groups or persons here.)*

**Let's be sure to include in our prayer three elements:**

1. We pray for blessing, protection, encouragement, and influence for those whose heart's desire is to follow God. These are those who are presently, or if elected will, make decisions that promote civic righteousness and are consistent with God's will (the laws of nature and nature's God), so that we can live, worship God, and practice our faith peacefully, safely, and in a God-honoring, morally excellent manner, unhindered by government intrusion.

2. We pray God takes action against unrighteousness for those whose hearts are hard towards God. These are the officials who are presently in office, or are candidates who are running, who promote further unrighteousness, injustice, abuse their power, and oppress God's people, and suppress God's will. So, we pray that they will repent, receive Christ for salvation, and reverse course or be removed **by God** as an act of God's righteous judicial action through this election process. Or that God, at a minimum, would constrain their evil influence.

3. Finally, let's qualify our prayer with surrender to God's sovereignty - that God's will would be done in this next election, not our will. Remember, when we pray for God's righteousness to stop those who are doing evil, we surrender to the will of God in the matter. We express our desire for righteous action, and then we conclude our prayer by affirming, "Not my will, but thy will be done."

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## The scripture we will be praying today is:

### **DEUTERONOMY 16:18-20**

Today's passage from God's Word is focused on the law enforcement officers listed above. Please, feel free to add any other law enforcement officials that you want to bring before God in prayer.

\*Read through this passage (Deuteronomy 16:18-20) **reflectively** at least one time (you may want to read it a number of times in different translations), and then pray it, putting your name in the place of the psalmist's.

**DEUTERONOMY 16:18-20** *You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. 19 You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. 20 You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the LORD your God is giving you.*

**Here is an example of what today's prayer might look like (you are free to use any style or arrangement you like, as long as you incorporate Deuteronomy 16:18-20):**

"Dear Heavenly Father, I come to you today in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. My heart is filled with gratitude and praise, because You have provided me all I need to stand in victory against Satan, his kingdom, and the evil principalities and powers of the spiritual realm. Oh Lord God, I ask today that you would help us appoint, through the election process, judges, district attorneys, and officers of the law in all of our cities and counties, which You the LORD have given us the privilege to live in. Dear Lord, please give us the wisdom to elect law enforcement officials and officers who will *judge the people with just judgment. Officials who will not pervert justice; officials who will not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for we know that a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous.*

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Please, Lord, give us law enforcement officials in our cities and county who will follow what is *all together just and righteous* so that we may live safely, with peace and joyful satisfaction in the neighborhoods which *You have given us to live* in. Furthermore, Father, I ask that You would bless those law enforcement officials who are serving righteously - that You would protect them, give them wisdom, and sound judgment as they perform their duties. Righteous Father, I ask that You would reward them for the good that they do today by enforcing the law righteously. I ask these things in the name of my Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. May not my will but Your will be done **Amen.**”

I hope you found this example helpful. And as I said before, you're free to use whatever format you like.

**This concludes today's prayer.** If you have prayed this prayer sincerely, then you have completed your seventh day in the heat of the spiritual war that we're engaged in! God Bless You!

**Until tomorrow, let's stay Faithful, Grateful, And Humble!**