

Text for Meditation

Come quickly to help me, LORD!

*Let those who seek my life
be confused and put to shame.
Let those who desire my ruin
turn back in disgrace.*

*Let those who would ambush me
turn back in their shame.*

*But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you,
Those who long for your help
always say, "God be glorified!"*

I am miserable and poor.

*God, come to me quickly!
You are my help and deliverer.
LORD, do not delay!
-Psalm 70*

Points for Meditation

There aren't any rules to grief - remember you have a lot of people who can help keep you on the rails until your grief is integrated into the new normal.

Loss of a colleague doesn't mean an end to that relationship, but its transformation.

Your Chaplains are here to embrace you, to walk with you, and to suffer with you through whatever grief may bring.

Intercessory Prayers**For the deceased officer**

For [Name], who gave his/her life in service to others:
that God, who calls the just to eternal peace, may welcome him/her into an everlasting rest.

Let us pray:

God hear us.

For the family and loved ones

For the family, friends, and loved ones who grieve this profound loss:
that God may be their strength, their comfort, and their hope in this time of
sorrow.

Let us pray:

God hear us.

For fellow officers and first responders

For the men and women who serve in law enforcement and emergency services:
that God may protect them in their duties, grant them wisdom, courage, and
compassion,
and bring healing to their hearts as they mourn a fallen colleague.

Let us pray:

God hear us.

For peace and justice in our communities

That God may bring peace where there is violence, justice where there is
injustice,
and unity where there is division,
so that all may live in safety and mutual respect.

Let us pray:

God hear us.

For all who have died in service

For all police officers, first responders, and public servants who have died in the
line of duty:
that they may share in your glory.

Let us pray:

God hear us.

For ourselves

That we, who remain, may honor [Name]'s life by working for peace, protecting
human dignity,
and loving one another.

Let us pray:

God hear us.

Closing Prayer

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful

hearts the men and women of our department who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in your name. Amen.