

Prayer of Dedication over the Memorial to all Emergency Service Volunteers

Father God, we live our lives as humans. As men and women we carry grief when those whom we love are killed or die. Yet in our grief we remember the bravery and courage of those who have died in the action of serving their community.

We raise this Memorial to stand as a reminder of their sacrifice. May it stand as a lasting symbol of their love for us and for their community. May it stand for the world to see the commitment beyond the call of duty that they have given.

Fill us with your peace and strength as we bless this Memorial in your name. May it stand as a symbol of the love that we have for each other and as a reminder to us and to the community of the dangers we encounter as we enter the burning bush, the water ways, the storm ravaged suburbs or the accidents on our roads.

In your name God, we bless this Memorial. He who creates peace in His celestial heights, may He create peace for us. Protect us and be to us that rock of protection that followed the Hebrews from Egypt through the desert 'til they reached the Promised Land, that we, like them, may reach our promised land.

AMEN

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