

# 7 Powerful Prayers for Firefighters

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A firefighter wearing a yellow helmet and an orange jacket is shown from the side, spraying a powerful stream of water. The background is a blurred mix of grey and orange, suggesting a fire scene.

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Do you know or want to pray powerful prayers for firefighters? You've come to the right place.

We recently surveyed a few firefighters with these topics, "How to pray powerful prayers for firefighters," and "What firefighters want people to pray." Their answers surprised us. **Not even one requested prayers for their own personal safety.**

Firefighters wanted:

- prayers for courage in the face of danger
- security for their families
- safety for their teammates.
- to leave a difficult situation, especially one in which the outcome was hard, with the assurance they'd done all they could.
- to leave difficult outcomes behind at the end of the day with no lingering mental or emotional issues.

With those requests in mind, here are seven powerful prayers for firefighters as well as Scriptures to pray for firefighters.

Consider the prayer requests of those brave firefighters for a moment and think about the character of the men and women who made those requests. They serve in the most dangerous of circumstances yet their concerns are for others far more than for themselves. They are courageous heroes who deserve (and need) our diligent prayers.

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# Powerful Prayers for Firefighters: What firefighters want people to pray

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## 1. Prayers for Firefighters: Confidence in the face of danger

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*“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10*

*“God has not given us the spirit of fear...” 2 Timothy 1:7*

Dear God, when \_\_\_\_\_ begins his shift, give him faith in his training and ability to do whatever job you place before him. Remind him he will face nothing today that You can't handle for You will never leave him alone. Help him with Your strong right arm and enable him to move forward into any danger with confidence, whether he faces an out-of-control fire, an unstable structure, dense smoke, or emotionally unstable and violent people. When he's unsure of the next step, help him to listen for Your Still, Small Voice and follow Your lead. Help him to make the right decision in every situation so he and his teammates, as well as those he serves, will be safe and have positive outcomes. Thank you in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## 2. Prayers for family of firefighters: Security of family at home

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*“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’ He will cover you with His pinions and under His wings you may seek refuge.” Psalm 91:1-2, 4*

Dear Lord, we pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and her family who is at home during her shift. Give her peace of mind about her spouse, children, and other family members as she goes to work to day. Watch over them and keep them safe from illness and injury. Give them peace of mind and heart, a sense of pride in her work, and a sense of honor over the danger she willingly faces for people in need. Protect and shelter them from fear and give them a sound mind as she goes through her shift. Provide for their physical needs as well. May their wants and needs be less than her income. Help them to feel secure, no matter what comes their way. Thank you for loving and caring for them. In Jesus name, Amen

## 3. Prayers for firefighters: Safety of teammates in fire services

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*“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul...Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:1, 2, 4*

*“But let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You.” Psalm 5:11*

Our Father, we pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and his team as they work today. Keep them safe in body, mind, and spirit. Protect them from every danger and give them a constant awareness of their situations and surroundings. Deliver them from fear and help them to recognize Your presence with them. Bless them with wisdom, discernment, and right choices. Help them to be a unified team and to trust in You for every need. Protect them from equipment failures and help them to have everything they need when they need it. Surround them like a shield today, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

#### **4. Acceptance of having done everything possible**

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*“Do not fear or be dismayed...for the battle is not yours but God’s.” 2 Chronicles 20:15*

*“For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7*

Lord, this is a broken world and not every situation ends with what we consider a positive outcome. In the world of firefighters, there is often devastating loss of property, precious mementoes, and sometimes loss of health and life—both for those who experience the fire and those who fight to contain and stop it. At the end of the shift, give \_\_\_\_\_ the peace of a job well done, no matter the outcome, and the confidence that he has done everything within his power to preserve and protect. Help him to take every thought captive and not to second-guess his decisions or shoulder unjust blame. Remind Him You are the One ultimately in charge. You never waste suffering and You take what the enemy means for evil and turn it to good. Help him to trust in Your lovingkindness to bring good even from heartbreaking situations. We thank you for protecting \_\_\_\_\_’s heart and mind in this way. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

#### **5. Prayers firefighters want: No lingering emotional or mental issues from things seen and experienced**

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*“We are destroying arguments and all arrogance raised against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5*

*“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” Proverbs 17:22*



Dear Lord, I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ as she works as a firefighter today. She so often sees things no one would want to see, experiences the kind of death and injury no one would ever want to experience. The range of volatile emotions in those who've experienced the loss of a fire are sometimes extreme, harsh, and hard to process. Protect her mind and heart from the damage the sights and experiences of today. Help her to replace sorrow with joy and find reasons for rejoicing even in the most difficult situations. Replace the hurtful parts of today with healing and wholeness and give her a cheerful heart no matter what she faces, for her trust and hope are in you. In Jesus' name, amen.

## **Powerful Prayers for Firefighters: What firefighters' families want people to pray**

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### **6. Health and physical safety**

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*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and no harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

*But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head." Psalm 3:3*

Dear God, thank you for \_\_\_\_\_ and your calling on his life as a firefighter, even though he faces danger and injury every day he works. Thank you for your protection over his life, his mind, his heart. As he goes to work today, we pray for your perfect plans for him, plans for good and not evil, to give him a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11) Help him keep his mind set on you. Grant your protection over him in every task. Guide him to make wise choices with his health and all that might affect his health, including his diet, exercise, and use of protective gear. Help him not to take unnecessary chances but to do what must be done. Keep him safe and sound in body, mind, and spirit. In Jesus' powerful name we pray, amen.

### **7. Prayers for protection: Properly functioning equipment and stable structures**

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*"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped." Psalm 28:7*

*"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19*

Almighty God, we know \_\_\_\_\_ may face dangerous circumstances today, whether it be distraught people, raging fires, or uncertain building structures. Keep him safe from injury due to faulty equipment or structural damage. Give him wisdom and discernment to recognize damaged or ill-functioning equipment and the patience to take extra time to be sure everything works as it should. Hold damaged structures in place long enough for him to pass safely in and out and keep him safe if he must search for victims in a burning building.

We ask for protection over every piece of equipment from the fire truck and hoses to his helmet, respirator devices, jackets, pants, and boots. Only you can protect him from the fire, Lord, but we ask you to be with him and protect him even as you did the four Hebrew boys. (Daniel 3:1-27) In Jesus' name, Amen.

In addition to praying big prayers for firefighters, why not take a few minutes today to encourage your local firefighters?

How to encourage local firefighters:

- Handwritten notes
- homemade baked goods
- simple thank you's are sure to be big hits.

*"Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

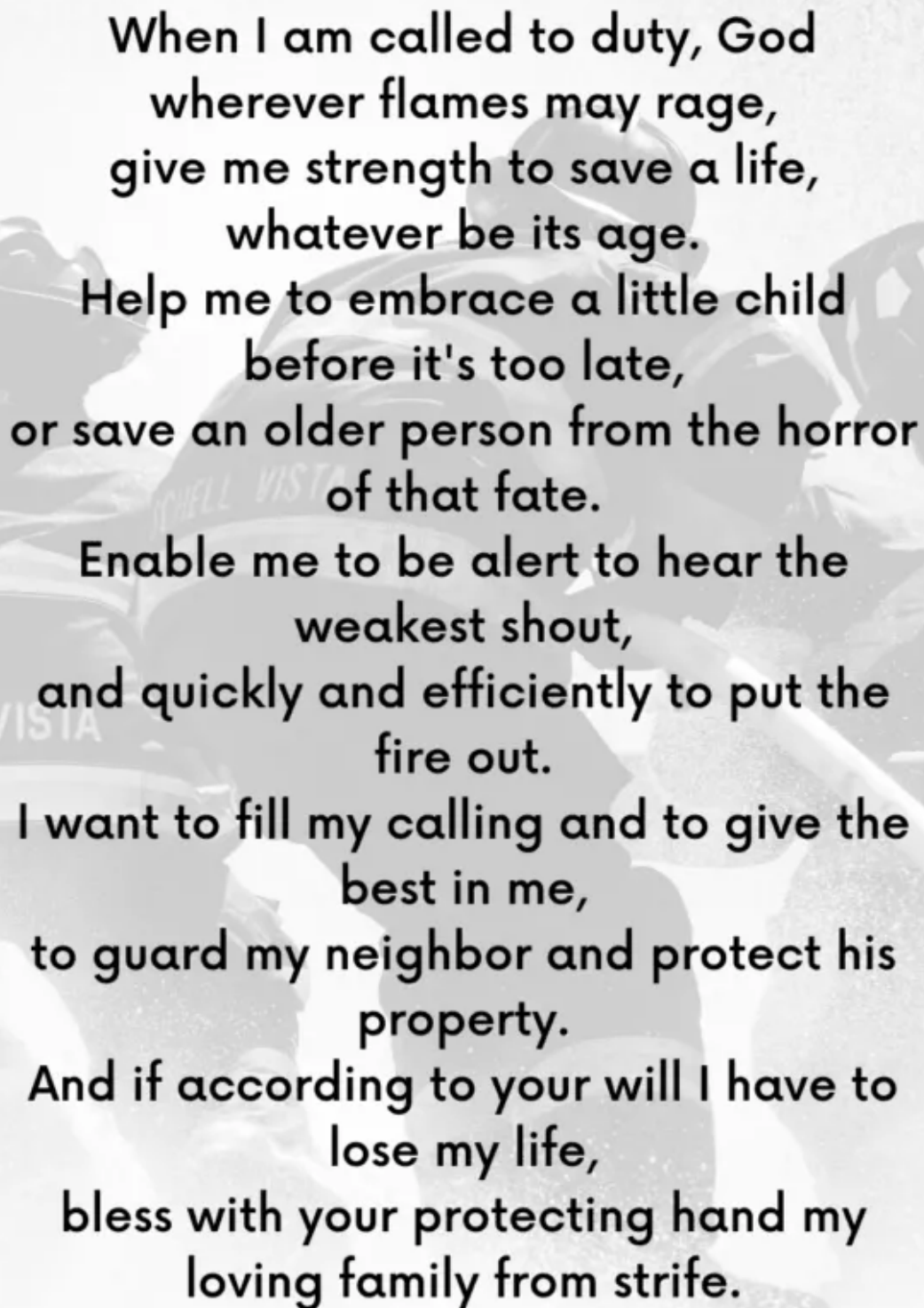
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## **Praying Firefighter- A Fireman's Prayer**

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The Fireman's Prayer has been passed down for generations, with most people passing it down orally and not knowing the true roots of the Fireman's prayer. Many praying firefighters and their families know this prayer below:





When I am called to duty, God  
wherever flames may rage,  
give me strength to save a life,  
whatever be its age.  
Help me to embrace a little child  
before it's too late,  
or save an older person from the horror  
of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert to hear the  
weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently to put the  
fire out.  
I want to fill my calling and to give the  
best in me,  
to guard my neighbor and protect his  
property.  
And if according to your will I have to  
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bless with your protecting hand my  
loving family from strife.

A Fireman's Prayer, Smokey Linn

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(Source from the [International Association of Firechiefs](#))

However, the website [Firefighter Now](#) explains where the origins of this beautiful poem for a praying firefighter comes from.

This prayer was written by a man named Smokey Linn who wrote it after trying his best to save three kids from a fire. This fireman's prayer is a small glimpse into the heart of what most of us cannot fathom- the pain of not being able to save someone.

We could not give a whole article on praying for firefighters without including this beautiful Fireman's Prayer written by a brave, praying firefighter.



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