

Black Bishop Makes Bold Move in Face of Police Shootings, Deaths

Bishop E.W. Jackson, President of STAND (Staying True to Americas National Destiny) has launched a Prayer for Police Campaign. In light of protests against the police since the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner, Bishop Jackson is distributing prayer cards to police stations around the country.

"I have been saying that this lie that police are out hunting down black men has got to stop. We now have two cops murdered in cold blood. It's time for Americans to express our gratitude to our police officers."

STAND has created a prayer card which says:

When the job is hard.

When the pressure is great.

When you wonder,

"Does anyone appreciate?"

Just know that for all the work you do,

Someone is praying and thinking of you.

For your duty and honor in difficult times,

God in heaven makes His face shine.

He looks upon you from above.

To inspire you with courage and love.

May He give you the strength

To make one more round.

At the end of your shift,

To go home safe and sound.

May you fight the good fight,

And live by His grace.

When your work here is done,

You'll see His loving face.

The cards may be ordered through the website for distribution to police officers in local communities.

Jackson and his wife also founded the Martin Luther King Leadership Breakfast 15 years ago in Chesapeake, Virginia. Every year since 9/11, they have honored someone from law enforcement. Says the Bishop, "When the Trade Towers were falling, they ran toward those buildings while everyone else ran away. We should never forget that."

At their upcoming MLK Breakfast on Jan. 19, the police will present awards to the youth and youth will present awards to the police. "It's time we told the rest of this story," says Bishop Jackson, "police risking their lives to make us all safe."