

LAW ENFORCEMENT

O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, CREATOR OF ALL MEN, AUTHOR OF INDIVIDUALITY, AND THE SOURCE OF HARMONY WHO HAS ENDOWED MAN WITH DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT AND ALSO WITH THE DESIRE TO COUNT AND BE COUNTED ^{together} ~~and~~ WITH THE DESIRE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT AS LONG AS HE IS ACKNOWLEDGED AS A HUMAN BEING, GRANT THAT AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY TO HONOR A UNIQUE ^{Chief Caldwell} INDIVIDUAL WE WILL ALWAYS BE CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND EVERY GROUP NEEDS TO BE TREATED WITH EQUALITY AND JUSTICE IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANYTYPE OF UNITY OR HARMONY IN SOCIETY. GRANT THAT WE WILL ALWAYS BE WILLING TO TREAT ^{every} ~~OTHER~~ GROUPS WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT AND IN TURN DEMAND THE SAME DIGNITY AND RESPECT FOR OURSELVES.

^{O' Lord} SHOWER ALL YOUR BLESSINGS, ~~O LORD~~, ON HARRY CALDWELL, THE OUTGOING CHIEF OF POLICE ^{of Houston} WHO HAS TRIED WITH EVERY FIBER OF HIS BEING TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY GROUP IN THE CITY WAS TO BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY, ^{and who has always} ~~THAT HE~~ UNDERSTOOD THAT GOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE WHEN PEOPLE RESPECT THEMSELVES AND ARE RESPECTED BY OTHERS. MAY HIS ADMINISTRATION SERVE AS A MODEL FOR OTHERS, AND MAY OUR CITY OF HOUSTON CONTINUE ON THE PATH OF BETTER GROUP UNDERSTANDING, AND MAY IT PROSPER AND BECOME A SYMBOL OF MAN'S ABILITY TO LIVE TOGETHER IN HARMONY AND UNITY WITHOUT VIOLENCE.

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AND PEACE IN ^{every American} EACH ~~HEART~~ BEING WHICH ISAIAH PROMISES, ^{for those who pursue justice} AND MAY WE ALL, BY WORKING TOGETHER
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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, THE SOURCE OF ALL EQUITY AND JUSTICE, GRANT THAT WE WILL ALL TAKE TO HEART THE LESSON OF DEUTERONOMY 16:20 WHERE WE READ: "JUSTICE, JUSTICE YOU SHALL PURSUE." IT HAS BEEN ASKED, WHY WAS THE WORD "JUSTICE" REPEATED, AND THE ANSWER GIVEN IS THAT THE BIBLE IS TEACHING US THAT WE ARE NOT TO USE UNJUST MEANS TO SECURE THE VICTORY OF JUSTICE. JUSTICE IS STRONG ENOUGH, DIVINE ENOUGH TO TRIUMPH WITHOUT ITSELF RESORTING TO INJUSTICE. JUSTICE IS THE BASIS OF ALL ETHICS. AS THE PSALMISTS SAID: "RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THY THRONE." LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER, TOO, O LORD, AS THE PROPHET MICAH SAID, THAT "TO DO JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY AND TO WALK HUMBLY BEFORE THY G-D" IS WHAT G-D DEMANDS FROM EACH OF US. MAY WE ALWAYS TRY TO LIVE UP TO THIS CHARGE, AND MAY WE ALWAYS REALIZE THAT TO LOVE JUSTICE ^{Means An} ~~IS~~ AWE INSPIRED RESPECT FOR THE PERSONALITY OF OTHERS AND THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS. O LORD, BLESS ALL THOSE ASSEMBLED HERE TODAY. GRANT ESPECIALLY TO JUDGE DAVID HITTNER AND TO ALL THE OTHER JUDGES PRESENT TODAY THY INSIGHT SO THAT TRUE JUSTICE WILL ALWAYS REIGN IN OUR SOCIETY, AND SO THAT THE WORDS OF AMOS WILL ALWAYS BE TRUE IN AMERICA, THAT "JUSTICE MAY ROLL DOWN AS WATERS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS AS A MIGHTY STREAM," AND MAY WE ALL, BY WORKING TOGETHER FOR JUSTICE, EFFECT THE QUIETNESS AND CONFIDENCE AND PEACE IN EVERY AMERICAN WHICH ISAIAH PROMISES FOR THOSE WHO PURSUE JUSTICE, AND MAY WE ALL, BY WORKING TOGETHER TO SECURE JUSTICE, BE DRAWN CLOSER TO EACH OTHER AND, THUS, TO THEE. AMEN.

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O LORD, MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE, THE AUTHOR OF ALL LIFE, THE RULER OF THE DESTINIES OF ALL MANKIND AND THE FATHER OF EVERY HUMAN BEING, GRANT THAT AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY AT THE INVESTITURE OF DAVID HITTNER AS A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE THAT WE WILL ALL BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT WHEN WE PROMOTE JUSTICE IN THE WORLD WE ARE DOING G-D'S WORK, THAT IT IS ONLY THROUGH JUSTICE THAT SOCIETY CAN FUNCTION PROPERLY, THAT PEACE CAN BE MAINTAINED IN THE WORLD, AND THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING CAN FEEL THAT HIS SELF-RESPECT AND DIGNITY HAS NOT BEEN IMPINGED UPON. JUSTICE IS NECESSARY NOT ONLY TO ENSURE THE VIABILITY OF SOCIETY BUT ALSO TO DEMONSTRATE THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING IS NEEDED AND VALUABLE AND IS, THEREFORE, IMPORTANT, ~~IT~~ DEMONSTRATES THAT NO ONE INDIVIDUAL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANOTHER. WHEN JUSTICE IS NOT DONE, ~~THEN~~ AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ONLY OR HARMED PHYSICALLY BUT HIS VERY SELF-RESPECT IS TAKEN FROM HIM. OUR INNER ESSENCE IS AFFRONTED WHEN WE ARE MISTREATED. OUR DIVINE IMAGE, SO TO SPEAK, IS BEING CALLED INTO QUESTION, ONLY WHEN JUSTICE IS DONE CAN A PERSON'S SELF-RESPECT BE MAINTAINED AND CAN INDIVIDUALS WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A VIABLE SOCIETY. O LORD, GRANT THY BLESSINGS ON JUDGE DAVID HITTNER. GRANT HIM THE COURAGE, INSIGHT, AND GOOD HEALTH TO PROMOTE JUSTICE IN THIS GREAT COUNTRY OF OURS. GRANT, O LORD, THAT THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF ALL THE DISTINGUISHED JUDGES WHO ARE PRESENT TODAY EVERYONE IN THIS GREAT COUNTRY WILL ALWAYS FEEL THAT HE IS PART OF THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE JUSTICE IS ~~BEING~~ DONE, AND THAT NO ONE'S DIVINE IMAGE OR SELF-RESPECT WILL EVER BE CALLED INTO QUESTION BECAUSE HE WAS NOT TREATED FAIRLY BY OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM. GRANT THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN AMERICA WILL ALWAYS KNOW THAT IN THE EYES OF THE LAW HE IS EQUAL AND AS IMPORTANT AS EVERYONE ELSE IN AMERICA. GRANT, O LORD, THAT THY GREAT BLESSINGS OF SOCIAL HARMONY, PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND HUMAN LIBERTY WILL CONTINUE TO BE GRANTED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BECAUSE WE ARE ALL DOING THY WORK MAKING SURE THAT EQUAL JUSTICE, EVEN-HANDED JUSTICE, AND UNBIASED JUSTICE REIGNS SUPREME THROUGHOUT THE LAND. AMEN.

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