

## **POLICE OFFICER'S PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

St. Michael, Heaven's glorious Commissioner of Police,  
Who once so neatly and successfully  
Cleared God's premises of all its undesirables,  
Look with kindly and professional eye on your earthly force.

Give us cool heads, stout hearts, hard punches,  
An uncanny flair for investigation and wise judgment.

Make us the terror of burglars,  
The friend of children and law-abiding citizens,  
Kind to strangers, polite to bores,  
Strict with law-breakers and impervious to temptations.

You know, St. Michael, from your own experiences with the devil  
That the policeman's lot on earth is not always a happy one;  
But your sense of duty that so pleased God,  
Your hard knocks that so surprised the devil,  
And your angelic self-control give us inspiration.

And when we lay down our night sticks,  
Enroll us in your Heavenly Force,  
Where we will be as proud to guard the throne of God  
As we have been to guard the city of men. Amen.