



# Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy

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## COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STEVE WRIGHT

Followers of Jesus around the world are in the midst of Lent. For some, Lent is tradition; for others, it is an opportunity to refocus their faith journey; but for everyone, it is a time to prepare for the moment we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the hope we have in Him. This season, often marked by prayer and sacrifice, provides us with a deeper connection to our Savior and those who are suffering in the world around us.

Being there for others who are suffering is a blessing for our chaplains, but it can often be a heavy burden for them as well. Seeing the emotional and spiritual pain of a family that has lost a loved one or an officer dealing with the accumulation of stress over a decades-long career weighs heavily on them. They can even carry that burden back home to their families which may create more pain for the caregiver. While we try and help our chaplains work through emotional and spiritual trauma they experience during the work, we can't do it alone. We need your help.

As you continue through this season of Lent, we ask that you would lift our chaplains up in your prayers. Ask that they would continue to find comfort in the arms of their Savior as they are pointing others to that same hope. If you are in the practice of sacrificing for Lent, consider how to make that sacrifice a blessing to one of our chaplains. A gift card for a cup of coffee or a bite to eat goes a long way to help keep our chaplains emotionally and spiritually prepared to help others.

Thank you for your continued support of our work.

*Chaplain Steve*

## COMMENTS FROM CHAPLAIN TIM

As the chaplain at Marshall Medical Center, I serve every area of the hospital, which includes the two medical-surgical floors, Transitional Care Unit, Intensive Care Unit, emergency department, and surgery. One of the programs I serve as a chaplain is the Palliative Care program which assists patients who have a life-threatening disease. I am there to minister to patients who are facing an illness that very well might take their life. A certain percentage of these patients will not make it out of the hospital, and some of them will be referred to hospice care. I have the privilege and awesome responsibility of talking to patients about life and death and eternal issues. Little did I know this would affect my own family this past month, as my mother died three days after I had visited her. I am so glad that one of the last statements I said to my mother was, "I love you mom." Please continue to pray for me as I serve so many patients in our Palliative Care program and for my family as we grieve the death of my mother.

*Chaplain Tim*

## Please Pray With Us For

- ◆ Tim's family as they grieve his mother's passing – she's now in heaven with Tim's father, brother, and sister
- ◆ The family of a dear friend with whom Tim went to seminary with who recently passed away
- ◆ Tim's friend from Biola and Vietnam Veteran who died from exposure to agent orange
- ◆ A police sergeant's father just diagnosed with cancer
- ◆ A mother whose daughter died suddenly from pneumonia