

Touched by the Hand of God: In the City of Angels SEND ME!

A Story of Faith, Courage, Service, and Divine Protection



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Los Angeles, California Oct 30, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - ***Touched by the Hand of God*** is a powerful personal testimony of faith, courage, miracles, guardian angels, and the extraordinary journey of **Patricia L. Blake**, a longtime Los Angeles Police Department officer whose life and career were shaped by experiences she believes demonstrated God's presence and protection.

Blake's story brings together more than three decades of law-enforcement experience with deeply personal moments of tragedy, faith, divine intervention, and perseverance. Her testimony offers readers a look behind the badge while exploring the emotional and spiritual experiences that can emerge during life's most difficult moments.

THE STORY: A JOURNEY OF FAITH, SERVICE, AND COURAGE

At the heart of ***Touched by the Hand of God*** is Patricia L. Blake's remarkable life journey.

Blake joined the Los Angeles Police Department in May 1983 and retired in 2016 after more than 33 years of service. During her career, she served in numerous assignments and leadership positions, gaining experience in patrol, gang enforcement, investigations, management, community relations, and specialized police operations.

Her career included service at Rampart, Wilshire, Van Nuys, Management Services, West Valley, and Foothill Divisions. She became one of the first two female Field Training Officers at Rampart Division and was recognized as Officer of the Year at Rampart in 1987. She later became the first female Senior Lead Officer at Rampart.

As a sergeant, Blake developed a Special Problems Unit focused on violent gang and narcotics activity. Her team received a Meritorious Unit Citation for its contribution to improving the quality of life in the community.

She later served in leadership roles involving gang enforcement, investigations, watch command, and community outreach. She also became Officer-in-Charge of the mounted horse and rider Cavalry unit, which focused on crime prevention, education, community interaction, search and rescue, emergency preparedness, and outreach to children.

But beyond the professional accomplishments is a deeply personal story.

One of the most significant experiences described in the book occurred when Blake was nineteen years old, following a devastating tragedy. During a moment of overwhelming grief, she describes experiencing what she understood as the unmistakable presence of God or one of His angels. The experience transformed the way she viewed faith, divine protection, and the presence of God in her life.

That experience became part of a much larger journey—one that eventually led her into a career dedicated to protecting and serving others.

CORE THEMES & INSPIRATIONAL RELEVANCE

- **Faith in Difficult Times** — The book explores how faith can provide strength and peace during moments of fear, grief, uncertainty, and adversity.
- **Guardian Angels and Divine Protection** — Blake shares experiences that led her to believe that God and His angels watch over people, particularly those who serve and protect others.
- **Courage and Service** — Her more than three decades with the LAPD demonstrate a life committed to public service, leadership, and helping communities.
- **Overcoming Adversity** — The story reflects the emotional challenges that can accompany tragedy, danger, loss, and a demanding career.
- **The Human Side of Law Enforcement** — Beyond uniforms and titles, Blake presents the emotional and personal side of police work and the experiences that can shape an officer's life.
- **Hope, Grace, and God's Love** — At its core, the book is a message about God's presence, grace, protection, and unconditional love during life's darkest moments.

WHAT MAKES THIS BOOK DIFFERENT

Unlike a traditional law-enforcement memoir that focuses primarily on police procedures or career accomplishments, ***Touched by the Hand of God*** combines professional experience with a deeply personal testimony of faith.

It does not simply tell the story of a police officer. It presents:

- A life of public service
- Personal experiences of tragedy and survival
- Stories of faith and divine intervention
- The emotional realities of law enforcement
- Leadership, courage, and perseverance
- A message of hope and spiritual strength

The book creates opportunities for conversation among:

- Law-enforcement communities
- First responders and their families
- Faith-based organizations
- Women's leadership groups
- Community organizations
- Readers interested in inspirational memoirs
- Book clubs and reading groups

Ultimately, the book invites readers to consider an important question:

“What if the moments we cannot explain are the very moments when we are being protected, guided, and reminded that we are not alone?”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Patricia L. Blake is a retired Los Angeles Police Department lieutenant whose career spanned more than 33 years.

During her LAPD career, Blake served in patrol, gang enforcement, investigations, management, watch command, community relations, and specialized units. She was recognized for her leadership and

mentoring contributions and was honored in 2016 by the Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates for outstanding achievements.

Blake holds a bachelor's degree in criminology from California State University, Northridge, and a master's degree in Organizational Leadership from the University of Phoenix. She also completed the LAPD West Point Leadership Course and Department Instructor Development Course.

Following retirement, Blake continued serving as an LAPD reserve officer and remained involved with the mounted horse and rider Cavalry unit for seven additional years.

Her professional life reflects a commitment to leadership, service, community outreach, and protecting others. Her personal testimony adds another dimension to that journey, sharing the faith and experiences that she believes guided and protected her throughout her life.

MARKET POSITION & LONG-TERM IMPACT

Genre: Inspirational Memoir | Christian Testimony | Law-Enforcement Memoir

Audience: Readers interested in faith-based inspirational stories, personal testimony, law enforcement, first responders, courage, overcoming adversity, and stories of divine intervention.

Inspirational Appeal: The book has relevance for readers facing grief, uncertainty, hardship, or major life challenges, while also offering a message of encouragement to first responders and their families.

Broader Impact: *Touched by the Hand of God* brings together faith, service, personal courage, and the human experiences behind a long law-enforcement career. Its message encourages readers to look for hope and strength even in circumstances that appear overwhelming.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Touched by the Hand of God is more than a memoir of a police career. It is Patricia L. Blake's testimony of a life shaped by service, adversity, faith, and experiences she believes revealed God's presence.

Through her journey, readers are invited to see the human being behind the badge and to consider the possibility that even during life's most difficult moments, we may never be truly alone.

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