

21. Pray that your pastor will not give in to discouragement but will deal with inevitable criticism and conflict by committing himself into the hands of God, who judges righteously (1 Pet. 2:23).
22. Pray that your pastor will practice servant leadership, edifying the congregation with wisdom and serving with agape love (John 13:5-9; Eph. 6:7; Phil. 2:3-4).
23. Pray for unity within the church staff and leadership. Pray that the enemy will not be allowed to create divisions, strife, or misunderstanding among the church leaders (Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 12:25).
24. Pray that God will give your pastor a clear, biblical vision of what the church can and should be for His glory, and that he will communicate that vision clearly and confidently (Prov. 29:18; John 15:16; 17:17).
25. Pray that your pastor will seek God for personal, church, and community revival (2 Chron. 7:14; Ps. 69:32).
26. Pray that your pastor will think biblically and that he will have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16; Eph. 4:17; Col. 2:6-8).
27. Pray that your pastor will earnestly seek God's will and be committed to instant and complete obedience (Luke 9:23-24; 2 Cor. 10:3-5).
28. Pray that your pastor will strive for personal excellence and will believe God for all He wants to do in the congregation (Col. 3:23-24; 2 Pet. 1:3).
29. Pray that your pastor will be a man of faith and maintain a passionate love for God, not giving in to worries, fears, or an uptight or anxious spirit (Prov. 3:5-6; 1 John 4:18).
30. Ask God to provide for the financial needs of your pastor and his family. Pray that he will be a wise steward of personal finances and church funds (Ps. 37:25; Phil. 4:19; Heb. 13:5).
31. Ask God to heal any hurts your pastor has suffered. Pray that he will serve the Lord with gladness and encourage the congregation to worship God with a joyful, surrendered spirit (Is. 61:3).

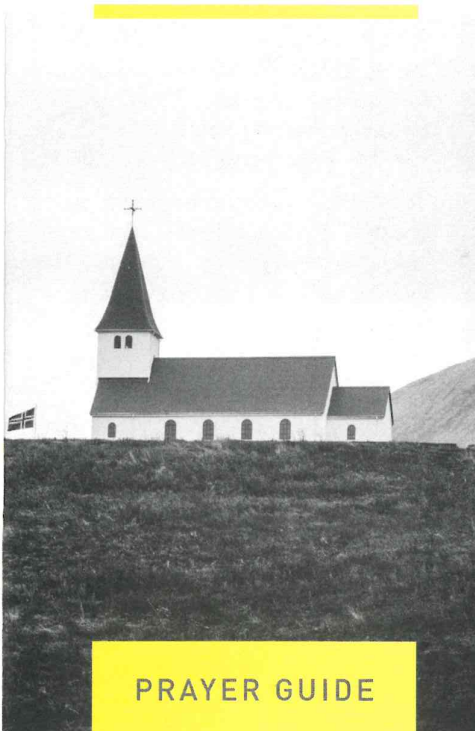


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PRAYING FOR YOUR PASTOR

31-Day Guide

*There is no greater gift
you can give your pastor and the
spiritual leaders of your church than
to pray for them.*



PRAYER GUIDE

1. Pray that your pastor will love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. Pray that God will work powerfully in his heart, and that he will follow biblical priorities (Deut. 6:5; Matt. 6:33).
2. Pray that your pastor will cultivate strong character and uncompromising integrity. Pray that his testimony will be genuine, and that he will never do anything he would need to hide from others (Eph. 6:10-12; 1 Tim. 1:5; 3:7).
3. Pray for your pastor's personal walk with God—that his soul and spirit will be nourished and strengthened in his time with God, beyond sermon preparation. Pray that he will spend more time in God's Word than in other reading (Mark 1:35; 2 Tim. 2:15-16).
4. Pray that your pastor will counsel and teach with discernment through the wise use of Scripture and faith in God's power to work. Pray that he will be protected from the effects of sinful or negative attitudes he encounters as he counsels (Mat. 2:7; John 17:15; James 1:5-6).
5. Ask God to protect your pastor's marriage and make it a strong model of Christ's relationship with the Church. Pray that your pastor will tenderly cherish and lead his wife, and that she will respect and encourage him, submitting to his leadership (Eph. 5:23-33).
6. Pray that God will protect your pastor's wife from bitterness when her husband is criticized. Pray that her intimacy with Jesus will be consistent, and that she will guard her mind and heart (Prov. 4:23; Heb. 12:15).
7. Pray for your pastor's children, that the pressures of ministry will not discourage or embitter them. Pray that he will provide godly, scriptural leadership in the home, not based on fear of man (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:20-21).
8. Ask God to protect your pastor from evil plots of Satan. Pray that he will not be corrupted as he ministers in the world (Ps. 91:9-11; John 17:15; 2 Cor. 2:11).
9. Pray that God will build a hedge of protection around your pastor's marriage, and that he and his wife will be aware of the potential for any improper relationships. Pray that their family time will be protected (Ezek. 22:30a; Matt. 19:6; 2 Cor. 10:4-5).
10. Pray that your pastor will exercise discernment in the use of technology and media. Ask God to guard his heart concerning his use of free time. Pray that he will be morally pure and wear the armor of God so he won't fall into sexual temptation (Rom. 13:14; Eph. 6:10-18; 1 Pet. 1:16).
11. Pray for godly friends and encouragers to strengthen your pastor and his family for ministry and to provide meaningful fellowship and times of rest (Phil. 2:19-25).
12. Pray that your pastor will be humble and authentic, not given to pride or hypocrisy. Pray that he will have pure motives and give God glory for every victory (Micah 6:8; John 7:17-18; Gal. 6:14).
13. Pray that your pastor will make wise lifestyle choices to protect his health, especially in the areas of exercising, eating, and resting. Pray for times of relaxation and renewal to balance the stress of ministry (Rom. 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 9:27; James 3:1-2).
14. Pray that your pastor will focus on God's Word as he prepares his messages. Pray that he will seek to please God rather than men, and pursue holiness rather than the praise of men (Acts 6:4; 2 Tim. 2:15; 4:1-2; Heb. 12:14).
15. Praise God for your pastor's leadership, and pray that he will make godly decisions. Pray that he will lead with a shepherd's heart, and that he will always speak the truth in love (1 Kings 3:9; Jer. 3:15; 1 Pet. 5:2).
16. Pray that your pastor will be courageous and confident in proclaiming Christ from the pulpit. Ask God to help him preach with insight, transparency, and humility (Eph. 6:19; Col. 1:28; 4:3a).
17. Pray that your pastor will be committed to personal evangelism and equipping the saints to seek the lost. Pray that he will develop a heart for missions in the church (Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 19:10; Rom. 10:15).
18. Pray that your pastor will be a man of prayer and worship, leading by example, showing the congregation how to walk closely with the Father (Matt. 4:10; Mark 1:35; 1 Thess. 5:17).
19. Pray that your pastor will manage his time wisely and seek God's perspective for his schedule, guarding his time against unnecessary interruptions (Ps. 90:12; John 9:4; Eph. 5:15-16).
20. Pray for a fresh, divine anointing on your pastor's ministry. Pray that God's working will be powerfully evident, both in his personal life and in the congregation (Rom. 15:18-19a; 1 Cor. 9:27; 2 Tim. 1:7).