

Pastor Search *Prayer Guide*

31 DAYS OF PRAYER



OVERVIEW

Focus your prayers on the daily topic listed in this guide. Meditate on the day's biblical passages and let the Holy Spirit speak to you through them.

Pray through this guide until God unmistakably provides our church with the pastor He has chosen to lead His people.

Continue to pray for the members of our pastor search committee.

DAY1-10: Pray for the Pastor Search Committee

DAY 11-20: Pray for Congregation

DAY 21-30: Pray for the Next Pastor



JOHN 15:5

Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and complete surrender to the Holy Spirit in each Search Committee member. Pray this for each member by name.

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COLOSSIANS 1:9

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:10

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DAY 4

ISAIAH 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PRAY

Pray for God’s clear direction in how resumes are examined and interviews conducted. Ask God to bring the right person to the attention of the committee.



1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-16

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EPHESIANS 5:17

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ROMANS 15:5-6

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PROVERBS 3:6

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JAMES 4:8

Pray that the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to trust and seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. “Lord, teach us to draw close to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the church and not in man.”

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PSALM 139:23-24

PRAY

Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. “Father, please cause this to be a time of deep cleansing and renewal in our church. May we always be the church You have called us to be. It’s all about You and not us.”

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REVELATION 3:15

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Pray for strong consistency and focus on the present ministry of the church. “Please grant great power to our staff and to those who will fill our pulpit. Protect us from any spirit of being lukewarm or losing our first love. Protect us from the evil one and remind us that we serve Jesus, not a pastor.”

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JOHN 13:34

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Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of the church. “Help us surrender all bitterness, division, and anger within our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a patient, forgiving love.”

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JOHN 17:21

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DAY 17

HEBREWS 6:10-12

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

PRAY

Pray that we will patiently await God's timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true man of God and a great leader.

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PHILIPPIANS 2:3-11

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pray that church members will set aside personal preferences and in unity, seek the pastor God is calling to lead us in accomplishing His will for our church.

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ISAIAH 42:9

Some churches struggle with wanting a pastor just like their previous pastor, while others desire someone who is just the opposite. Pray that all would be receptive to God's doing a new thing in the congregation and that we would accept His perfect will above our own desires.

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DAY 20

HEBREWS 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

PRAY

Pray that the church as a whole will trust the Search Committee through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that they are being led by the Holy Spirit as they search for the man God is bringing to our church, and that there would be no division.



DAY 21

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry,

PRAY

Pray that God would increase our next pastor's passion for preaching the Word of God and that he would boldly proclaim truth.

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DAY 23

COLOSSIANS 1:9-12

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

PRAY

Pray for our next pastor's family. Whether married or single, having children or not, pray that God would strengthen and guide the new pastor's family as they are led toward our church. Give them peace in knowing God's will.

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ROMANS 12:9-13

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ROMANS 12:1-2

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MATTHEW 28:19-20

PRAY

Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of our church and surrounding community. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through our church.

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DAY 28

LUKE 12:22-31

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you."

PRAY

Pray for the pastor and his family to experience a smooth transition to our church. Pray for physical needs like housing and schooling, as well as the social needs of his wife and children in making new friends. Pray that they will feel as if they have always been with us.



PSALM 133

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COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

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