

How to Pray for Our Pastor

Personal Needs:

- Humility: Ask God to give our pastor true humility, which includes having a servant's heart, being teachable, admitting wrong doing, being willing to receive positive criticism, and reliance on God.
- Wisdom to know God's agenda: Effective Leaders function according to God's agenda, not their own. Pray that our pastor remain sensitive to God's leading, and that he will live and work according to God's priorities.
- Positive relationships: Ask God to help our pastor be patient with himself and others, to interact positively with difficult people in the congregation, and to treat everyone with love and respect.
- The Fruit of the Spirit: Every Christian should seek to live a Spirit-filled life. Pray that our pastor would have love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Health: Ask God to give our pastor good health and safety when he travels.

Family Needs:

- The priority of the family: Pray that our pastor would make time for family his top priority second only to his relationship with God. Pray that he would spend enough time with them, and minister to their needs first. If our pastor has children pray that they would love God with all their hearts.
- Provision for the family. Ask God to meet the needs of our pastor and to show the lay leadership in the church how they can better provide for them.

Spiritual Needs:

- Time alone with God: Ask God to make prayer, Scripture reading, and worship daily priorities in our pastor's life.
- Anointing: Without the power of the Holy Spirit, a pastor can do nothing of value.
- Integrity: Our pastor struggles with temptation just like any other person. In fact, the enemy will try to tempt him more than others do. Satan knows that when he hurts the leaders, the followers will suffer.
- Protection from spiritual warfare: Pray that our pastor would put on the full armor of God, as outlined in Ephesians 6:10-18, and that he will be given protection from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. (1 John 2:19)
- Accountability: Ask God to bring into our pastor's life other Christian leaders who can keep him accountable.

Congregational Needs:

- Evangelism: Pray that our pastor will have a heart for the lost and that he will make evangelism a priority.
- Personal Growth: A pastor who continues to grow in his spiritual life and his ability to lead is being equipped to help his people grow and develop.
- Mobilization of the Laity: Ask God to make our pastor an effective motivator and equipper of the people to do the work of the ministry.
- Intercession: Pray that our pastor would make intercession for the people a daily priority.