

# Praying For Spiritual Leaders

A 10 -Day Intercessory Prayer Guide

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**I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO READ THIS, COPY IT, AND MAKE IT A PART OF YOUR LIFE. EACH ONE OF US PROBABLY LOOK AT SOMEONE AS OUR PASTOR, OUR SPIRITUAL MENTOR, AND/OR HAVE A SPECIAL BURDEN FOR THOSE WHO ARE MINISTERING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. WHY NOT BE A FERVENT INTERCESSOR FOR THEM?**

October is "*pastor appreciation*" month. Especially honor your pastor in every way the Lord would lead you. Encourage others to support your pastor. Give respect, trust, and above all else become a prayer supporter. You could use this guide as you pray through the list over and over again. And uphold these specific items in prayer for missionaries and others in the ministry. These are good things to pray for one another as well.

## **Suggestions:**

Praying for pastors, missionaries and ministerial staff is one of the most important endeavors in which believers can participate. (Col. 4:2; I Thess. 5:25)

Specific, biblical prayers are so very important and the greatest gift you can give to your pastor and all the missionaries for whom you should pray.

Use this guide alone, or with your family or spouse, or with a small group at church. Above all take time to pray for and praise God for these servants. (Phil. 4:8; Eph. 5:18-21)

Prepare your own heart by confession of sin (Psa. 51:2; Psa. 32:1-5; I John 1:7-9) Consider intercession one of the greatest blessings you can bestow on others.

While most of this is aimed at prayer for pastors --- all of these points apply to those who serve in others lands as missionaries, for national workers, for deacons, for all those who serve in a local church.

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## **Day One:**

*"And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."* (Eph. 6:19)

- Pray for boldness in the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.
- Pray for your pastor to be more interested in pleasing the Heavenly Father than men.
- Pray that he may experience the power of the Holy Spirit in his preaching.

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### **Day Two:**

*"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* (II Tim. 2:15)

- Pray for your pastor to spend much time in the Word, gaining wisdom and approval from God.
- Pray for his discernment to grow as he diligently applies himself to accurately handle the Word of God, that he might share the whole counsel of God.
- Pray for him to be a good Bible teacher (as well as preacher) and that church members will also be encouraged to study the Word.
- Pray for your pastor as he prepares his sermons that only the Word of God may be revealed, that self does not enter in, but he would be led of the Spirit.

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### **Day Three:**

*"Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?"* (I Kings 3:9)

- Pray for him to lead the people with godly direction and sensitivity that only the Holy Spirit can give.
- Pray that he may offer guidance to church leadership that may bring unity and shared **vision and passion**.
- Pray for wisdom to be given to your pastor in building a strong ministry team.

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### **Day Four:**

*".... as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things."* (Rom. 10:15)

- Pray for your pastor to be a soul winner, that as he leads souls to Christ he will also teach others to lead souls to the Savior. Pray for the church to have evangelistic zeal.
- Pray for the pastor to have **vision**, to have **expectation**, and to look for open doors.
- Pray for yours to be a church that focuses on bringing the lost to saving grace.
- Pray for the pastor to lead the church to sacrificially support a worldwide missionary endeavor.

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### **Day Five:**

*"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."* (Col. 4:6)

- Pray for your pastor to have the grace to know how to respond to complaints from church members. That he may be open, loving, and gracious in his dealings with others.
- Pray for him to be found blameless and innocent and to have favor with those he serves.

- Pray for him to be a peacemaker and one who brings reconciliation.
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### **Day Six:**

*"Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety."* (Prov. 11:14)

- Pray for your pastor and the other spiritual leaders of the congregation that they would pray and seek wise counsel before making decisions. And that they lead with unity.
  - Pray for clear guidance from your pastor through biblical insight for church growth plans and policy.
  - Pray for him to be trusted and followed as the under shepherd of your congregation.
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### **Day Seven:**

*"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."* (James 1:5)

- Pray for your pastor to have a spirit of humility and to willingly ask God for wisdom in leading the church body.
  - Pray for your pastor to regularly teach by example with total dependency upon God. That he might know the will of God and lead the flock in God's will and plan.
  - Pray most of all that your pastor, and you, will seek God's glory first. (Eph. 1:12; Matt. 6:33)
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### **Day Eight:**

*"And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought to always pray and not to faint."* (Luke 18:1)

- Pray for your pastor, that above everything else, he will be a man of prayer who also teaches others to pray. That he will know what it means to be importunate in prayer.
  - Pray for a steadfast spirit within your pastor that he will not *lose heart*.
  - Pray that your pastor will lead the congregation to be known as a praying church. That he will be a prayer warrior for missionaries and prompt the people toward intercession.
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### **Day Nine:**

*"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him...."* (John 14:21)

- Pray for your pastor to be an obedient servant of Jesus and one who leads the church to obey.
- Pray for your pastor to enjoy sweet fellowship with the Lord, loved by the Father. (John 14:21-23)
- Pray that a spirit of obedience to Christ (to the Word) may permeate pastor and people.

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**Day Ten:**

"... *he might be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, meet for the master's use.*" (II Tim. 2:21)

- Pray for his family, his children and spouse to be godly, vessels unto honor.
  - Pray for his wife to be the helpmate God intended her to be, with obedient children.
  - Pray for pastor and family to take time to nurture their relationship with each other. To take time off when needed, to know the joy of ministry together, for God's glory.
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