

# Praying for your Pastor

*"I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf..." – Paul the Apostle, Romans 15:30*



Praying for your pastor is one of the most important ways your church can pray. Pastors have God-given authority and influence over the people they lead, and their spiritual health contributes to the entire life of their church. They have more responsibility and accountability before God, they are more subject to spiritual attack and temptation, and they need our prayers! They are called by God, and the strength of their ministry depends on the prayers and support of their people. When a pastor thrives, their church thrives.

## Ways to Pray for Your Pastor on your Church Prayer List:

- **Their Relationship with God:** Pray they would know the Lord more, draw near to Him in prayer, & that God would speak to them through His Word. *Ephesians 1:17 - 18*
- **Vision & Direction:** That God would lead them in every area of their life & ministry. *Psalm 119:105*
- **Strength & Health:** Physical, spiritual, mental and emotional health. *Ephesians 3:16-17, 3 John 2*
- **Their Marriage and Family:** Pray for a Christ-exalting marriage & their children. *Ephesians 6:4, 1 Peter 3:7*
- **Power & Boldness to Preach the Gospel:** Pray for fruitful labor. *Ephesians 6:19-20*
- **Righteousness & Power to Resist Temptation:** *2 Peter 1:3, 1 Corinthians 10:13*
- **Protection & the Ability to Stand:** *John 17:12, Ephesians 6:10-13*
- **Provision:** That God would provide for their personal needs & ministry. *2 Corinthians 9:8*
- **Good Friends and Fellow Workers:** Pray for friends & workers to carry their burdens & encourage them.

*"First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2*