

# **PRAYER PROMPTS**

## **For the Church, Search Committee, and Senior Pastor**

**Please pray along with the Search Committee, on each day of the month, using these prayer prompts. For days 30 and 31 of the month, use your own prayers for the church and our new pastor.**

- 1. Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor. Pray for the search committee to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership. (Proverbs 3:5-6)**
- 2. Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during the interim period. Pray for members of the search committee to remain close to Christ. (John 15:1-8)**
- 3. Pray with the understanding that searching for a pastor is primarily a spiritual process, so spiritual warfare will be present. Pray for God's protection on the search committee and the church. (Ephesians 6:10-11)**
- 4. Pray for the search committee to not grow weary in their work. Pray that the search committee and the church will be able to see God's hand at work bringing you and your future pastor together. (Galatians 6:9)**
- 5. Pray for the search committee to seek God's wisdom as they review sermons and prepare to contact potential pastoral candidates. Pray for church leaders to seek God's wisdom in the interim period. (James 1:5-8)**
- 6. Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the search committee and the church during the pastor search process. (Philippians 2:1-11)**
- 7. Pray for the search committee and the church to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another. Pray the church's Christ-like love will be seen by the world. (John 13:34-35)**
- 8. Pray for church members to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His cleansing power in order for revival to come. Pray for the search committee to continually submit to God's will. (James 4:1-12)**
- 9. Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for a pastor. Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search committee as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates. (Ephesians 4:1-6)**
- 10. Pray for a season of fruitful ministry as the church prepares for her next pastor. Pray for the search committee to be blessed with answered prayers. (John 15:16-17)**
- 11. Pray for the church to be unified so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and the Father will be glorified. Pray for the search committee to be unified in their decision making. (John 17:2-23)**
- 12. Pray for the search committee to discern if potential pastoral candidates possess the biblical qualities of a servant of the Lord. Pray for the church to affirm these qualities in their future pastor. (2 Timothy 2:24-26)**
- 13. Pray for the search committee to remain humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership. Pray that the church will stand firm against the schemes of the devil. (1 Peter 5:8-9)**

14. Pray for the search committee and the church to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that He is in control of the church's future. (Jeremiah 29:11-13)
15. Pray that in times of discouragement, the search committee and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is at work bringing the church and future pastor together. (Isaiah 55:6-9)
16. Pray for each member of the search committee to have an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the pastor search process. (Joshua 1:9)
17. Pray for members of the search committee to have hearts that are pure as they work through the pastor search process. Pray for your future pastor to maintain a pure life before God. (Psalm 139:23-24)
18. Pray for a pastor who is able to rightly divide the Word of God. Pray for the search committee as they listen to sermons of potential pastoral candidates. (2 Timothy 2:15)
19. Pray for the search committee to make wise use of their time during their meetings. Pray for the Lord to reveal His will to your future pastor. (Ephesians 5:15-16)
20. Pray for your future pastor to seek God's wisdom in every area of life and decision making. Pray for the search committee to be attentive to the Lord's wisdom. (Proverbs 2:2-6)
21. Pray for your future pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God. Pray the Lord gives the church a hunger for the Word of God and receptivity to the sermons that are preached by the new pastor. (2 Timothy 4:1-5)
22. Pray for your future pastor to faithfully shepherd the church and for members of the church to willingly and joyfully place themselves under his servant leadership. (Hebrews 13:17)
23. Pray for mutual respect and humility between the church and your future pastor. Pray for the church to follow the leadership of your future pastor. (1 Peter 5:5-7)
24. Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to your next pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to the future pastor and church. Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in the church to make disciples. (Colossians 1:24-29)
25. Pray for your future pastor and his family to be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray that your future pastor will be a faithful disciple-maker. (2 Timothy 2:1-2)
26. Pray that your future pastor shepherds the church in a biblical and Christ-exalting manner. Pray for your future pastor's walk with Christ. (1 Peter 5:1-4)
27. Pray for your next pastor to be a man who exhibits Christ-like character both publicly and privately. Pray for your future pastor's family as they transition to a new work. (1 Timothy 3:1-7)
28. Pray for your church to grow in love toward one another. Pray for any unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the church. (Colossians 3:12-17)
29. Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the church not only as you seek God's will for a pastor, but also as you seek God's vision for the church. (Jeremiah 33:3)

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