



**PASTOR  
SEARCH  
PRAYER GUIDE**

## COVENANT PRAYERS FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

- Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each team member. (Psalms 66:18; John 15:5; Ephesians 5:18)  
Pray this for each member by name.
- Pray for keen supernatural discernment, wisdom and strength for the team chairman. (Matthew 15:14)
- Pray for powerful unity and oneness of spirit within the team. (Amos 3:3; Matthew 18:19)
- Pray for God's clear direction in how resumes are collected, examined and interviews conducted. Ask God to bring the right person to the attention of the team. (Proverbs 14:12; Isaiah 55:8-9)
- Pray for the search team to have God's wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective pastor. Spirit-led thoroughness is essential! (1 Corinthians 2:10-16)
- Pray for the team to have supernatural wisdom as to the unique characteristic and traits most needed for our church.
- Pray for the team to have no timetable but God's. They must be determined to find God's perfect will in God's perfect time. (Ephesians 5:17)
- Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our church. (He must know he has God's direction.)
- Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the search team. (One of Satan's wiles is deception.) Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the committee and their families.
- Pray for God's guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church. Pray for the church to have a supernatural unity in his call to Kirby Woods. (1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:1) Pray for God's strength and guidance in the pastor's former church.

# PERSONAL PRAYER GUIDE

## **1. Begin with a period of praise and thanksgiving. Spend a few minutes focusing on the glory and greatness of God. Hallow His holy name. (Psalm 100:4-5)**

- Take a few moments to thank God for past, present, and future blessings.
- Spend some time praising God for who He is. (His characteristics and names)
- Take time just to freely worship and adore Him from your heart.

## **2. Continue with confession and repentance (Proverbs 28: 13; Psalm 66:18; 139:23-24)**

- Ask God to search your thoughts and attitudes.
- Carefully examine your speech.
- Ask God to thoroughly search your relationships.
- Confess any sins of commission and be sure to forsake the sins God reveals.
- Confess any sins of omission and make a definite commitment to obedience.
- Resolve to fully repent of any known sin of Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit.
- Be sure to utilize a thorough biblical tool designed to search all areas of your life with God's Word. (Provided in the cleansing guide)

## **3. Move into Prayers of Personal Petition. (Philippians 4:6, Matthew 6:33)**

- Pray for the development of character and holiness. Pray through the specific fruits of the Holy Spirit or other character words. (Matthew 5:1-12; Galatians 5:22)
- Pray for your ministry and service to God. Be very specific in your prayers.
- Pray for any physical, emotional, spiritual or financial needs.

#### **4. Proceed with Prayers of Intercession. (Ezekiel 22:30, 2 Timothy 2:1-4)**

- Pray for needs of family and friends.
- Pray for your pastor and church.
- Pray for specific needs of the pastor search.
- Pray for missionaries and mission efforts. Use guides from both the International and North American Mission Boards.
- Pray for revival and spiritual awakening in your church and nation.

#### **5. Conclude with a Time of Scripture Meditation and Listening for God's Voice.**

- Reflect on key points of your scripture reading and prayer time.
- Assess how God has impressed on your heart.
- Write down key impressions in a daily journal.
- End your time with thanksgiving for God's grace, mercy and power.

Again, we emphasize the above pattern is a general guideline, not a rigid program. As you allow God's Spirit to guide, you will be amazed at the ways He will direct you day by day. It is awesome to pause and remember that Almighty God desires a very close personal relationship with you. If we're willing, He enables us to walk with Him in deep spiritual intimacy. May God help us settle for nothing less than the glorious reality of his manifest presence!

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## COVENANT PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

- Pray that the pastor search period will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the Church. (Jeremiah 29:13; James 4:8)
- Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. Father, please cause this to be a time of deep healing, cleansing and renewal in our church. (Psalms 66:18; 139:23-24)
- Pray for strong consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church. Please grant great power to our interim pastor and to our staff. Protect us from any spirit of lukewarmness or losing our first love. Remind us that we serve Jesus, not a pastor. (Revelation 2:1-4; 3:15)
- 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, forbearing love. (John 13:34; 17:21)
- 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 (Hebrews 6:12)
- Pray that we be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. Lord, we understand that a new pastor always means changes. Help us to be prepared to change and grow with graciousness and unity. (Ephesians 4:1-6)
- Pray for great unity in calling the new pastor. Lord, help us to receive him and his family with deep love and renewed commitment. Grant to us a powerful sense of revival and spiritual awakening as we move into the future. Pray for grace, guidance and strength for the church from which our new pastor came. (John 17:21; I Corinthians 1:10)

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