

## PASTOR SEARCH PRAYER GUIDE

All members are encouraged to pray through this guide until God unmistakably provides the church with the pastor He has chosen to lead His people.

Day 1: Proverbs 3:5-6

Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor. Pray for the search team to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.

Day 2: Revelation 2:1-7

Pray for the church to return to her first love, Jesus Christ. Pray for the church and search team to hear the Spirit clearly throughout the pastor search process.

Day 3: Ephesians 4:1-6

Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for a pastor. Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search team as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates.

Day 4: John 15:1-8

Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during the search period. Pray for members of the search team to remain close to Christ.

Day 5: John 15:9-15

Pray for church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ. Pray for God to bond the church and future pastor together in love.

Day 6: John 15:16-17

Pray for a season of fruitful ministry as the church prepares for her next pastor. Pray for the search team to be blessed with answered prayers.

Day 7: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Pray for the search team and the church to hope in God and seek His will throughout the search process.

Day 8: Psalm 139:23-24

Pray for members of the search team 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.

Day 9: Ephesians 6:10-11

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 team and the church.

Day 10: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

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.

Day 11: James 1:5-8

Pray for the search team to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential pastoral candidates. Pray for church leaders to seek God's wisdom in the interim period.

Day 12: Colossians 1:9-12

Pray for your future pastor and his family to be certain it is God's will to transition to a new field of ministry. Pray the Father will be glorified in the pastor search process.

Day 13: Acts 2:41-42

Pray for the church to reflect the six elements of a healthy church both now and when the new pastor is called to serve. (worship, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, evangelism, and prayer)

Day 14: Revelation 3:1-6

Pray for the church to be filled with life through the Holy Spirit. Pray for the church to be strengthened to carry out the vision God has for her.

Day 15: John 13:34-35

Pray for the search team 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.

Day 16: Ephesians 3:20-21

Pray the power of Christ would be known in and through the church and that all glory would be given to Him throughout the pastor search process.

Day 17: Psalm 51:10-12

Pray for each member of the search team to stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him. Pray for your next pastor to keep a cleansed heart before the Lord.

Day 18: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

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.

Day 19: Hebrews 13:17

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.

Day 20: Joshua 1:9

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.

Day 21: Proverbs 2:2-6

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.

Day 22: James 4:1-12

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.

Day 23: John 17:20-23

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.

Day 24: 2 Timothy 2:15

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.

Day 25: Jeremiah 33:3

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.

Day 26: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

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.

Day 27: Colossians 3:12-17

Pray or your church to grow in love toward one another. Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the church.

Day 28: Ephesians 1:15-23

Pray for your future pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ. Pray for the church to look to Christ as the Head of the body.

Day 29: Revelation 3:14-22

Pray for the church to fight against lukewarm spirituality. Pray church members repent of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom work.

Day 30: Hebrews 10:19-25

Pray for the church to be committed to biblical worship. Pray for the search committee to be confident that they are following God's will as they make decisions regarding your future pastor.

Day 31: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Pray that your future pastor shepherds the church in a biblical and Christ-exalting manner. Pray for your future pastor's walk with Christ.

Day 32: 1 Peter 5:5-7

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.

Day 33: 1 Peter 5:8-9

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.

Day 34: Ephesians 5:15-16

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.

Day 35: Isaiah 55:6-9

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 in bringing the church and future pastor together.

Day 36: Colossians 1:24-29

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.

Day 37: 2 Timothy 2:24-26

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.

Day 38: Galatians 6:9

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.

Day 39: Philippians 2:1-11

Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the search committee and the church during the pastor search process.

Day 40: Matthew 28:18-20

Pray for your church to be a Great Commission church that makes disciples. Pray that your future pastor will be a Great Commission leader.