

7 PRAYERS FOR YOUR PASTOR

How do I pray for my pastor?

That was the surprising question my teacher friend got from her sixth grade student. They were having a conversation about praying for ministry leaders during study hall at our Christian school and my friend struggled to answer the question! After all, we know we should “pray for our pastor”, but how do we actually DO that? Your pastor and other ministry leaders carry a heavy burden and they need to be prayed over and lifted up to the Lord often. Let me share with you **seven prayers for your pastor** and seven Bible verses that can guide you in those prayers. My husband is a pastor and I know these types of prayers have been helpful to him, so I hope you’ll use them to **bless your pastor!**

Pray for Encouragement for your Pastor: God, thank you that you are a faithful God. Help my pastor to remember that You keep your promises. Encourage my pastor as he serves you, resting in Your provision. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

“Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments...” Deuteronomy 7:9, NASB

Pray for Wisdom for Your Pastor: Lord, thank you for my pastor. Please bless them with the desire to search for wisdom continually. As they seek that wisdom, may they find it in the pages of your Word, through the Holy Spirit and through the holy council of other mature believers. Thank you, God for providing the blessings of my pastor and ministry leaders! Amen.

“Do not forsake her, and she will guard you; Love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is: Acquire wisdom; And with all your acquiring, get understanding.” Proverbs 4:6-7, NASB

Pray for Protection for Your Pastor: God, please protect my pastor from the evil one. We know that the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. I ask for spiritual protection for my pastors and ministry leaders. Help them to be in the world so they can serve you, but not of the world. Amen.

“I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.” John 17:15, NASB

Pray for Refreshment for Your Pastor: God, please give my pastor refreshment. We know that serving in ministry can have its discouragements and challenges. Bless my pastor with the refreshment that comes from knowing and trusting the Shepherd to lead and guide. Give my pastor tangible breaks from ministry as well and guard and protect my pastor’s time. In Christ’s name, Amen.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.” Psalm 23:1-3, NASB

Pray for Your Pastor’s Prayer Life: Lord, help my pastor to have a strong life of prayer. Help them to connect with you through conversation that takes place through prayer. Bless my pastor with a prayer life that helps him learn how to align with your will and purpose. Show Your power to my pastor and other ministry leaders through times of prayer. Amen.

“This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” 1 John 5:14, NASB

Pray for Your Pastor’s Character: Father, give my pastor strength of character. Help my ministry leader to maintain character even when he is challenged. Allow my pastor to continue to be sanctified and grow in faith and strong character, so that those who speak against them will be ashamed. In Christ’s Name, Amen.

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2, NASB

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