

REFOCUS

40 DAYS OF PRAYER, FASTING & STUDY

PRAYING FOR LEADERS

Day 15-21

(Sept. 25–Oct.1)

READ: Exodus 17:8-13

¹Behind every great leader, there is someone who is willing to sacrifice for him. This is true of the heroes of the Bible; it is just as true of today's pastors. They need people who will intercede for them in powerful, consistent, specific prayer.

An intercessor is someone who bears another's burdens. When Moses' hands were tired, Aaron and Hur interceded by holding up his hands, and the battle was won (Exodus 17:8-13). Likewise, we can hold up the hands of our pastors through prayer and see God win the battle in our churches and cities!

Jesus called three of His disciples to go with Him into one of His brightest hours and one of His darkest hours. Each time the assignment was the same: to pray for Him. Because they were willing to pray, they had the opportunity to minister to the One who ministered to so many others. They saw Him during His struggle and they saw Him in His glory. If Jesus needed men to pray for Him, how much do your pastors want and need your prayers?

If the truth were known, the hearts of pastors all over the world are echoing the cry of the apostle Paul: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak" (Ephesians 6:18-20).

What to pray for Leaders: Pastor & Sister Shaw, Adam & Steph Shaw, Ashley & Dan Phillips, Larry & Lucie McCarthy, Robert & Rachel Watson, Lisa Murphy, Claudia Montan

- Family Prayer Needs
 - Relationships: There is a lot of pressure in being the family of a full-time minister.
 - Protection: Satan has targeted your pastor, and that means his family is under the gun.
- Spiritual Prayer Need
 - anointing and strength, holiness and purity, spiritual protection and discernment.

Scripture Reading: Eph.4:11-16, Eph. 6:10-21, Rom 15:30-33, 2 Cor. 1:10-11, Phil 1:19-21, Col 4:2-4

¹ (Taken from <http://www.worldnetworkofprayer.com/prayer-guides/how-to-pray-for-your-pastor>).