

PRAYER PROMPTS FOR OUR FUTURE PASTOR

1. Pray that our Pastor will be a faithful disciple maker.
2. Pray that our Pastor and his family will be certain that it is God's will to transition to a new field of ministry.
3. Pray that God would provide patience and peace for the man who will become our pastor, as he is waiting and praying about his future.
4. Pray that our pastor will cultivate strong character and uncompromising integrity. Pray that his testimony will be genuine, and that he will never do anything that he would need to hide from others (1 Tim. 1:5, 3:7, Eph. 6:10-12)
5. Pray that our pastor will counsel and teach with discernment through the wise use of scripture and faith in God's power to work. Pray that he will be protected from the effects of sinful or negative attitudes that he encounters as he counsels (Mal. 2:7, James 1:5-6, John 17:15)
6. Ask God to protect our pastor's marriage and keep it strong as a model of Christ's relationship with the Church. Pray he will tenderly cherish and lead his wife, and that she will respect and encourage her husband, submitting to his leadership. (Eph 5:23-33)
7. Pray that God will bring godly friends and encouragers to our Pastor and his family, to strengthen them for the ministry and provide meaningful fellowship and times of rest. (Phil. 2:1-25)
8. Pray that our Pastor will be courageous in the pulpit proclaiming Christ, and confident in his use of the Word of God. Ask God to help him preach with insight, transparency, and humility. (Col. 1:28, 4:3a, Eph 6:19)
9. Pray that our future Pastor will be a "Great Commission man"- committed to personal evangelism and the equipping of the saints to seek the lost. Pray that he will have a heart to develop a thriving missions program in his church. (Rom. 10:15, Matt 28:19-20, Luke 19:20)
10. Pray that our future Pastor will be a man of prayer and worship, and that he will lead by example – teaching the congregation how to walk in a close relationship with the Father. (1 Thess. 5:17, Acts 1:14a, Matt. 4:10, Mark 1:35, Luke 22:46)
11. Pray that our future Pastor will practice servant leadership, edifying the congregation with wisdom and serving with God's 'agape' love. (Gal. 5:13b, Eph 6:7, Luke 10:43b-45, 9:23-24, John 13:5-9, Phil 2:3-4)
12. Pray that God will give our future Pastor a clear, biblical vision of what our Church can be and should be for His glory, and that he will communicate that vision clearly and confidently to the Church. (Prov. 29:18, John 15:16, 17:17, 2 Tim 3:5, Mal 3:11)
13. Pray that our future Pastor will seek God for personal revival in our Church and community. (2 Chron. 7:14, Ps. 69:32)
14. Pray that our future Pastor will strive for personal excellence and will believe God for all He wants to do in the congregation. (2 Peter 1:3, Col. 3:3:23-24)

15. Ask God to heal any hurts that our future Pastor has suffered in the ministry. Pray that he will serve the Lord with gladness and encourage the congregation to worship God with a joyful surrendered spirit. (Is. 61:3)
16. Pray for our future Pastor to faithfully shepherd the Church and for the members to place themselves willingly and joyfully under his servant leadership.
17. Pray for our Pastor's family as they transition to a new location and new work.

PRAYER PROMPTS FOR OUR CHURCH

1. Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the Church not only as we seek God's will for a Pastor, but also as we seek God's vision for the Church.
2. Pray for spiritual unity in the Church staff and among the spiritual leadership of the church (elders, deacons, etc). Pray that the enemy will not be allowed to create divisions, strife, or misunderstanding among the church leaders. (Romans 14:19, 1 Cor. 12:25)
3. Pray for the Church to follow the leadership of our future Pastor.
4. Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to our potential Pastor, that God will make it unmistakably clear to the future Pastor and the Church.
5. Pray for our Church to grow in love toward one another.
6. Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the Church.
7. Pray that Church members repent of lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom work.
8. Pray for Church members to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His cleansing power in order for revival to come.
9. Pray that the Church's Christ-like love will be seen by the world.
10. Pray for God to bond the Church and Pastor together in love.
11. 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.
12. Pray that God will give the Church patience and grace for the search committee through this process.
13. Pray that God would protect the Church from the temptation to complain.
14. Pray that God would give the church an attitude of gratitude.
15. Pray that the church would have the courage to follow God's leading.
16. Pray for our church family to be accepting of the changes put forward.
17. Pray for wisdom for our church's leadership as changes are implemented.
18. Pray that communication between the search committee, leadership, and the congregation would be clear and effective.
19. Pray that the Church would not only be inward focused, but would continue to have a heart to serve the community.
20. Pray that God will bring godly friends and encouragers to our Interim Pastor Bob and Sandy, to strengthen them for the ministry and provide meaningful fellowship and times of rest. (Phil. 2:1-25)
21. Pray that our Interim Pastor Bob will be courageous in the pulpit in proclaiming Christ, and confident in his use of the Word of God.

PRAYER PROMPTS FOR THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

1. Pray for the search committee to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.
2. Pray for a strong sense of unity.
3. Pray that we will have hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly.
4. Pray for hearts that are pure and thoughts that honour God.
5. Pray for God's protection as this will be a spiritual battle.
6. Pray for wisdom as decisions are made.
7. Pray that we will stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him.
8. Pray for an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as we work through the steps of the search.
9. Pray for a sensitivity and attentiveness to God's wisdom.
10. Pray for unity in decision making.
11. Pray for humility before God and trust in His leadership.
12. Pray for wise use of the search committee's time during meetings.
13. Pray for discernment for the search committee when considering potential candidates.
14. Pray that we will commit to wait for God's timing.
15. Pray that we will commit to daily connection with our God, through Bible reading and prayer.
16. Pray that God will be honored and glorified with our speech and our conversations.
17. Pray that God will use our skills and abilities as we serve Him on the search committee.
18. Pray that God would help the search committee as they balance this important role with their other responsibilities in their homes, jobs, and community.
19. Pray for patience as we work through the hurt and issues in our church.