

## **Intercessory Prayers for our Pastor, Leaders and Church**

*“God has a wonderful plan by which you can have a world influence through your prayer. God has planned that ordinary Christians like you and me can become mighty in prayer for the reaping of Christ's harvest among the nations today.”*

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1. We thank You, Father that Your eyes are upon our shepherd, church leaders and church. Your ears are attentive to their prayers, and Your face is against those who plot evil against them (1 Peter 3:12). For I know that in all things You work for the good of those who serve and love You (Romans 8:28). Will You not graciously guide us to possess Your Kingdom for Christ? And who can accuse our leaders who are daily interceded for by Christ Jesus? (Romans 8:32-34). Therefore, in all things we are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37). Thank You Father!

2. Lord, we pray for the favor of the Lord, the authority of the Lord, and the harvest of the Lord to belong to our pastor, church leaders and church. Teach us to do our part in helping, serving, giving, teaching, or any other area where there is a need. Teach us also how to pray against all powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of darkness in heavenly realms. Lord, protect us as we wage warfare in all levels of worship, prayer and service on behalf of Your servants who lead us. We bind the evil forces of rebellion, seduction, and presumption from attacking our pastor, leaders and our church in Jesus name. We cast them down, never more to rise and destroy; We declare they are under our feet in Jesus name!

3. Father, we thank You that no weapon formed against our pastor, leaders and church will prosper. Every tongue raised against them will be cast down. Rumors

4. Lord, as we pray against forces of distraction, let Pastor have a discerning mind to prioritize the precious minutes of his day as well as the agenda of our church. Let him discern what is

most important, and be guarded against the tyranny of the urgent (2Corinthians 11:14; 1 John 4:1). Make Your will abundantly clear to all of us.

5. Father, allow our pastor and leaders to glory only in the cross (Galatians 6:14). Keep them from pride and pity. Let the glory of the cross be our collective reason for ministry.

6. Renew our pastor and leaders in brokenness and the Holy Spirit. Let them wait upon You and mount up with wings as an eagle (Isaiah 40:27-31). Quicken our shepherd's body with the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11). Renew Pastor's vision, and confidence on personal and corporate levels (1 John 5:13-14). Revive his boldness to stand in strong personal conviction (Acts 4:32). Amen.

7. Jesus, keep our pastor and leaders holy in every way (1 Peter 1:16). Protect our shepherd from seducing spirits, especially when he is tired and hard-pressed. Give Pastor comrades to help protect him, and to share with in personal holiness (James 4:7). As he draws near to You, draw near to him (James 4:8). Cancel the power of out-of-the-will-of-God prayers and curses against our shepherd. Nullify sin's effect exerted against him (Ephesians 1:22). Amen.

8. We pray that the eyes of our pastor and leaders may be enlightened to know the hope to which we are called, and to know the riches of our glorious inheritance in the saints. Let them know the incomparable power which is in us who believe (Ephesians 1:22). Grant our pastor fresh revelations of Jesus Christ, and the power of His resurrection message, that we may flow in the river of God.

9. Lord, deliver our pastor and leaders from the tyranny of the urgent and the unfinished. Grant them a sense of fulfillment and the personal joy of Jesus (1 Timothy 6:6; John 15:11). Develop the leader within Pastor, that he may in turn develop the highest and best in us.

10. Lord, as our shepherd spends quiet time with You, let him know how much he is loved (Romans 5:5). In Jesus name, let the love of God be his mainstay in ministry. So be it!

11. Lord, we lift up the hands of our pastor, leaders and their families. We place them in the shelter of the Most High, to rest in Your shadow. We will say of the Lord, You are their refuge and fortress; You will preserve their family time; Your faithfulness will meet their financial needs in Christ (Philippians 4:19). Release Your promise of abundant life according to John 10:10. Release Your angels to guard them and keep them steadfast for You. You have said, "I will be with them in trouble; I will deliver them, and honour them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them My salvation"(Psalm 91:15,16). In Jesus 'name ,we cancel all the assignments of the enemy against our pastor's life and family (Matthew 6:10). Amen

12. In Jesus name, we speak to church hurts, abuses, and ungrateful forces to move. We speak to mountains of criticism and inordinate expectations to be cast into the sea. We speak to stress, excessive phone counseling, and fatigue, to be bound and cast out in Jesus name. We believe every need, vision, and dream of our pastor and leaders, both private and corporate, will be met and completed (Mark 11:22-24; Philippians 4:19). Amen.

13. Forgive those who hurt our leadership. Continue to give our leadership a loving and forgiving spirit. Guard our pastor, leaders and our church from futile thinking and vain imaginations (Ephesians 4:17). Grant them the power to rise above every thought raised against us, and bring them into captivity in Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

14. Lord Jesus, we know that in the course of pastoring, changed lives and answered prayers build up our pastor, leaders and church. Pastor and leaders also meet with grief and sad incidents routinely. Therefore, keep our leaders continually before Your face in refreshing, renewing worship (Matthew 4:10). Let them see you and enjoy Your presence day and night (Psalm 112:7). Let goodness and mercy follow us. Let the cup of Your presence and blessing overflow to them continually (Psalm 23:5

15. In Jesus name, we bind the fear of failure and the fear of man (John 14:1). Let our pastor's confidence not be eroded by the daily resistance

to the gospel or his vision. Allow our pastor and leaders to fear God mightily. Amen.

16. Father, heal our shepherd's heart of any grief caused by ministry. Bestow on our pastor and leaders a crown of beauty instead of ashes and anoint them with the oil of gladness instead of mourning. Clothe them with a garment of praise, and remove every form of discouragement and depression. We call our shepherd "an oak of righteousness, the planting of the Lord "to display Your splendor (Isaiah 61:3).

17. Apply the promise of Your peace to our pastor, and leaders, and their families. Let them know the plans You have to prosper them, to provide a great future and hope (Jeremiah 29:11).

18. Keep Pastor and leaders bathed in anointed worship. Keep them from the traditions of men and religion which deny the full presence and power of God. You promised to make Your ministers a flame of fire. Do so with our shepherd (Psalm 104:4). Grant Pastor and leaders a fresh revelation of heaven and hell that they may preach with increased unction (Isaiah 6; Revelation 4).

19. With our shield of faith, we cover our shepherd's mind to quench every flaming dart of doubt, or vain imagination, or mental distraction (Mark 6:5-6). Let the mind of Christ be strong in him.

20. Lord, we stand against the enemies of our pastor's, leader's and church's prayer life, i.e.: business, Compulsion, moral compromise, fatigue, fiery darts, gossip, seductions, late meetings, over commitments, and doubt. Grant our pastor and leaders an ever increasing spirit of prayer and intercession. Grant also, that nothing whatever would weaken Pastor's grip regarding walking in authority for the fellowship, region, and nation. We rebuke every distraction to his devotional life with You in Jesus name (Mark 5:36).

21. Raise up intercessors to uphold our pastor and leaders every day of every week of the year. Also, let a spirit of prayer and fasting abide with our pastor. Through m prayer, preaching and teaching, cause his ministry to increase our effectiveness in the Kingdom.

23. Lord, use Pastor and leaders to renew our church (Proverbs 18:16). Use them in an effective way to promote evangelism and holiness. Grant favour and fruitfulness. Give them the very land upon which they walk (Joshua 1:9). Again, grant them the favour, authority and harvest You have promised. Amen and Amen!

25. Grant Pastor and leaders increased ability to trust in the Lord with all their heart. Let Pastor's faith increase, for by it we shall inherit the promises of God.

27. Lord, as You answer these prayers for our leadership, we become the recipients of Your blessings. Therefore, do not withhold any good thing from them. Cause their ways to be Your ways, that our paths may be pleasing to You.

29. Lord, grant our pastor and leaders fruitfulness in ministry. May conversions 'stick,' May many become disciples and bear their burdens well before You. Amen.

31. Break off every root of bitterness with Your tenderness. Heal us of any and all roots of idolatry, intimidation, deception, immorality, false pride, and presumption. Grant us new roots of holiness, and abundant fruit of the Spirit that we may walk together in unity of relationship.

33. Lord, grant us wisdom to build this church,  
and understanding to establish it so it may  
continue to stand for Your glory.

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