



PASTOR

PRAYER SHIELD

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2
EPHESIANS 6:18

31-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

“The preacher must pray; the preacher must be prayer for . . . Air is not more necessary to the lungs than prayer to the preacher.” *E.M. Bounds* (The Complete Works of E.M. Bounds on Prayer)

This list is not exhaustive – it merely contains ideas to help you as you cover Pastor with a shield of prayer. Please listen to the Holy Spirit as He leads you in how you can lift up Pastor and be his Prayer Shield. You can use the following as a prayer guide with the accompanying Scriptures, to suggest useful & helpful ways to pray for Pastor.

Day 1

Thank the Lord that His eyes are on Pastor and that His ears are attentive to Pastor’s prayers and that His face is against those who plot evil against Pastor (1 Peter 3:12). Thank God that all things work for Pastor’s good because he loves the Lord, that God is for him, and that through Jesus Christ Pastor is more than a conqueror (Romans 8:28, 31, 37). Pray that the Lord would apply that truth to him today.

Day 2

Pray for discernment in exposing any schemes of the enemy against Pastor. Pray that the Lord would show Truth Tabernacle of Praise how to pray against all powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of darkness in the heavenly places. Pray that the Lord would protect us as we wage warfare on behalf of Pastor (Ephesians 6:11-12).

Day 3

Claim the promise of God that no weapon formed against Pastor will prosper and that every tongue raised against him will be cast down (Isaiah 54:17). Pray that rumors and gossip will be turned aside and that we will dwell together in unity (Psalm 133). Ask the Lord to grant Pastor a discerning spirit (2 Corinthians 11:14; 1 John 4:1)

Day 4

Pray that Pastor will be still before the Lord and wait patiently on Him. Pray that as Pastor dwells in the shadow of the Most High that he will be delivered from terror, doubt and disease (Psalm 91:5-6). Ask that God would set His angels around Pastor (Psalm 91:11) and let no power of the enemy harm him (Luke 10:19).

Day 5

Pray for the Lord to keep Pastor from pride and self-pity, and that his boast and glory will be solely in the cross of Christ. Ask that it would be his only reason for ministry (Galatians 6:14). Seek for Pastor to have a clear vision of the merits of Christ (Philippians 3:7-10) for him to have godly contentment (1 Timothy 6:6) and for the love of God to be shed abroad in his heart (Romans 5:5).

Day 6

Pray for Pastor’s continued strength and renewal and that he would wait upon the Lord and mount up with wings like eagles (Isaiah 40:27-31). Pray that Pastor would not fret, but would trust in the Lord and do good, that he would delight himself in the Lord and commit his way to Him (Psalm 37).

Day 7

Ask our Father to keep Pastor holy in every way (1 Peter 1:16) and to protect him from seducing spirits, especially when he is tired and hard-pressed. Pray that the Lord would bring friends to help protect Pastor to share with in personal holiness. Pray that Pastor would submit to the Lord and resist the devil so that the devil will flee from him, and that as he draws near to the Lord that the Lord would draw near to him (James 4:7-8).

Day 8

Petition the Lord to give Pastor wisdom and discernment to prioritize his life and help him to discern what is most important (Psalm 90:12). Pray that the mind of Christ would be strong in Pastor (1 Corinthians 2:16) and that the Lord would guard him from mental distractions, doubt, and futile thinking (Ephesians 4:17; Colossians 2:8). Ask the Lord to enable Pastor to take every thought captive to obey Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

Day 9

Pray that Pastor's eyes may be enlightened to know the hope to which we are called and to know the riches of our glorious inheritance in the saints. Ask the Lord to let him know the incomparable great power which is in us who believe (Ephesians 1:18-19). Pray that Pastor would have a desire to know Christ and the power of His resurrection (Philippians 3:10)

Day 10

Lift up the hands of Pastor and his family. Pray that they would dwell in the shelter of the Most High to rest in the shadow of the Almighty. Cry out to the Lord to give His angels charge concerning them (Psalm 91). Pray in the authority of Jesus' name that all assignments of the enemy against Pastor and his family will be canceled (Matthew 16:19). Ask the Lord to provide for all their needs as He has promised to do (Philippians 4:19).

Day 11

In Jesus' name speak to church hurts, abuse and ungrateful forces to move, and speak to mountains of criticism and inordinate expectations to be cast into the sea. Speak to stress, excessive demands on Pastor, and fatigue to be cast into the sea (Mark 11:22-24). Believe in Jesus' name that every need, vision, and dream that the Lord has given Pastor will be completed (Philippians 4:19)

Day 12

Ask God to keep Pastor in the fear of Him (Proverbs 19:23). Petition the Lord to bind the fear of failure and the fear of people and the fear of the enemy (John 14:1). Pray that our Father would give Pastor boldness, and that He would enable him to remain confident in Christ (Ephesians 3:12; Philippians 3:3).

Day 13

Ask the Lord to honor Pastor's stand for Truth and to come and rescue him when others are in opposition (Hebrews 12:3; Psalm 35). Pray also that the Lord would give Pastor wisdom in leadership (James 1:5). Pray that he would cultivate a strong character and uncompromising integrity, and that his testimony would be genuine (1 Timothy 1:5; 3:7).

Day 14

Pray that God would heal Pastor's heart of any grief caused by ministry. Ask the Lord to bestow on him a crown of beauty instead of ashes and to anoint him with the oil of gladness instead on mourning. May God clothe Pastor with a garment of praise instead of a spirit of depression. Pray that the Lord would make him an oak of righteousness, a planting of the Lord to display His splendor (Isaiah 61:3)

Day 15

Pray that Pastor's heart would not be troubled, and that he would trust in God. Pray also that Pastor would know the peace of Christ that He has been given (John 14:1, 27). Ask the Lord to let Pastor know the plans that He has for him, and to remind him that He has plans to prosper him, plans to give him a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).

Day 16

Ask the Father to give Pastor a strong heart of worship (Matthew 4:10). Pray that the Lord would keep him from the traditions of men and religion, which hold the form of godliness, but deny its power (2 Timothy 3:5). Ask the Lord to give Pastor a vision of heaven and to draw him into a deeper worship of Him (Isaiah 6).

Day 17

Petition the Lord that nothing would hinder Pastor's time with Him (Acts 6:2-4). Pray that the mind of Christ would be strong in Pastor (1 Corinthians 2:16) and cover his mind to quench all the flaming darts of doubt, vain imagination, philosophy, empty deception or mental distractions (Ephesians 6:16; Colossians 2:8).

Day 18

Stand against the enemies to Pastor's prayer life: busyness (Acts 6:2-4), compulsions, compromises (Acts 5), unnecessary demands on his time, fatigue, sleepiness (Matthew 26:41), appetites, television, meetings, over-commitments, and doubt. Pray that Pastor would rise up to meet with God (Mark 1:35) and that the Lord would bless him with opportunities to pray with others (Acts 1:14). Ask that Pastor would pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Pray that the Lord would give Pastor the time, desire, and the play to pray.

Day 19

Pray that Pastor would not compare himself with other pastors or churches. Ask the Lord to guard his heart against competition and unhealthy ambitions (2 Corinthians 10:18). Pray for the Lord to deliver Pastor from the numbers trap, and to give him a genuine concern for lost souls (Luke 19:10).

Day 20

Pray that Pastor will stand firm and that nothing will move him, and that he would abound in the Lord's work knowing that it is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Day 21

Ask the Lord to bless Pastor with rich study time (Acts 6:4; 2 Timothy 2:15). Pray that God would anoint Pastor with the truth (Matthew 16:17). Pray that as Pastor preaches that he may proclaim Jesus Christ boldly in the power of the Holy Spirit (Colossians 4:3-4).

Day 22

Pray for those who will hear Pastor preach that they will be cut to the heart and accept Christ (Acts 2:37). Pray that God would confirm Pastor's message with signs and wonders (Mark 16:20), and that through Pastor the Lord would open the eyes of the blind, heal the brokenhearted and set the captive free (Luke 4:18).

Day 23

Ask the Lord to honor Pastor with lasting fruit (Malachi 3:11; John 15:16). Pray for those who believe in God through Pastor's ministry and ask for them to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:6-7). Pray that those people would become disciples who disciple others (2 Timothy 2:2).

Day 24

Pray that Pastor would enter into the Lord's rest (Hebrews 4; Matthew 11:28) and that he would take no yoke upon him except the yoke of Christ (Matthew 11:28). When Pastor is heavily laden or burdened, pray that he would find comfort and peace in Christ, refreshed and renewed by His power in every aspect of life.

Day 25

Ask God to make Pastor strong and filled with courage for every task (Joshua 1). May he fight the good fight of faith, fleeing from evil to God (1 Timothy 6:12). Thank the Lord that He has taken hold of Pastor in the personal experience of eternal life.

Day 26

Pray that Pastor would not carry out the desires of the flesh, but that he would walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16). Ask the Lord to fill him with the Holy Spirit so that in him will be produced the fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Day 27

Ask God to protect Pastor and Marie's marriage and keep it strong as a model of Christ's relationship with the Church. Pray that he will tenderly cherish and lead Marie, and that she will respect and encourage him (Ephesians 5:23-33). Ask the Lord to build a hedge of protection around their marriage (Matthew 19:6).

Day 28

Pray that Pastor will make wise lifestyle choices in order to protect his health, especially in the areas of exercise, eating moderately, and getting sufficient rest. Pray for times of relaxation and renewal to balance the stress of ministry (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:27).

Day 29

Praise God for Pastor's leadership (Jeremiah 3:15) and pray that he will make godly decisions. Pray that the Lord would give him an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:9), as well as wisdom and discernment. Pray that he will lead with a true shepherd's heart, not lording it over anyone, but proving to be an example to us all (1 Peter 5:2). Pray that he will always speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

Day 30

Pray that God will give Pastor a clear, biblical vision of what Truth Tabernacle of Praise can be and should be for His glory, and that he will communicate that vision clearly and confidently to the church (Proverbs 29:18; John 15:16).

Day 31

Pray that Pastor will practice servant leadership, edifying the staff and the people with wisdom and serving with agape love (Galatians 5:13b; Philippians 2:3-4). Pray for spiritual unity in the church staff and among the spiritual leadership of the church (Psalm 133). Pray that the enemy will not be allowed to create divisions, strife, or misunderstanding among the leadership (Romans 14:19; 1 Corinthians 12:25).

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