



Global Point Men

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny

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Standing In The Gap For Pastors

Jonathan Edwards once wrote, "If some Christians that had been complaining about their minister had said and acted less before men and had applied themselves with all their might to cry to God for their minister – had, as it were, risen and stormed heaven with their humble, fervent, and incessant prayers for them – they would have been much more in the way of success."

E.M. Bounds put it this way, ""A praying church creates a spiritual atmosphere most favorable to preaching . . . Prayer makes preaching strong, gives it unction, and makes it stick.

Gardiner Spring penned these awesome words, "If a people are looking for rich sermons from their minister, their prayers must supply him with the needed material. If they expect powerful and successful sermons, their prayers must make him a blessing to the souls of men! . . . It is in their own closets that the people of God most effectively challenge their beloved ministers to take heed to the ministry they have received from the Lord Jesus . . . It is at a fearful expense that ministers are ever allowed to take the pulpit without being preceded, accompanied, and followed by the earnest prayers of the churches. It is no marvel that the pulpit is so

powerless, and ministers so often disheartened when there are so few to hold up their hands. The consequences of neglecting this duty is seen and felt in the everlasting perdition of men; while the consequences of regarding it would be the ingathering of multitudes into the kingdom of God, and new glories to the Lamb that was slain."

I give you these quotes to drive home the point that it is absolutely crucial to pray for pastors – yours in your church and pastors across the world. The pastors of a nation or among a people group are crucial to the spread of the gospel and the growth of the church. The church must have leaders who can proclaim the Word of God and train believers to do the work of ministry. This is why we must intercede for those who stand in the pulpit and lead the church of Jesus.

Why Pray For Pastors?

The following is a series of biblical reasons why you should pray for pastors. Read the verses and meditate on these reasons. Ask the Spirit to give you guidance and conviction concerning this need. Jot

down any insights the Lord gives you as you meditate:

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- Because God desires that you intercede for your pastor (**1 Thessalonians 5:25; Romans 15:30; Philippians 1:19; Philemon 22; 2 Corinthians 1:11 – Ephesians 4:11-12, Revelation 2:2**).

- Because your prayers will determine the effectiveness of his ministry (**Jeremiah 32:17**).

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Scripture Prayers For Pastors

- Because of your pastor's accountability (**James 3:1**).
- Because of Satan's hatred of pastors (**1 Peter 5:8; Acts 12:1-19**).
- Because of his greater vulnerability to temptation (**Luke 22:31-32**).
- Because of his influence on others (**2 Samuel 12:13-14**).
- Because of his visibility (**Proverbs 18:14**).

The following are Scripture prayers that you can use to intercede for your pastor and pastors around the world. You might consider using the nations in the World Prayer Plan to help you pray specifically for pastors of certain nations.

Father, I ask You to make the pastors of _____ men after Your own heart who will do all Your will (**Acts 13:22; 1 Samuel 16:7**).

Father, cause the pastors of _____ to love the Word of God with all their heart and enable them to memorize and meditate on it all day (**Psalm 119:97**).

O Lord, I plead that You will guide the pastors of _____ in all that they say and do (**Psalm 37:23**).

God, I ask that You would make the pastors of _____ into a mighty men of prayer (**Mark 1:35**).

Father, I ask that You would continually control and empower the pastors of _____ for their own Christian

lives and the task that You have given them (**Ephesians 5:18**).

Lord, I ask that the fruit of the Spirit would be powerfully and clearly displayed in the pastors (**Galatians 5:22-23**).

Father, I ask that the pastors of _____ will be humble, depending totally on You and remaining useable by You (**1 Peter 5:5-6**).

God, I plead that You would make the pastors of _____ into a holy and

godly men that You can use in a dynamic way (**1 Timothy 4:7, 6:11; Hebrews 12:14**).

Father, enable the pastors of _____ to overcome temptation and give them a hatred of sin in any form (**1 Corinthians 10:13**).

Lord, teach the pastors of _____ the truth of the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit so that they can explain, proclaim, and defend the Word of God (**1 Timothy 3:1-7, 15; 1 Peter 5:1-4**).

Father, I plead that You would give the pastors of _____ a servant's heart and enable them _____ to compassionately minister to their congregations and the lost in their areas (**Philippians 2:5**).

I plead that the pastors of _____ would be Christ-centered and Christ-exalting preachers (**1 Corinthians 2:1-4**).

Father, I pray that the pastors of _____ would remember that God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the angels are listening to their preaching (**2 Timothy 4:1**).

Lord, I ask that the pastors of _____ would preach all of the Word of God (**Acts 20:20-21**).

I pray that the pastors of _____ would preach in the power of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 4:8-12**).

God, I plead that the pastors of _____ would preach the Word of God boldly and fearlessly (**2 Timothy 4:1-2**).

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I ask that the pastors of _____ would have the time and the discipline to study the Word of God (**1 Timothy 4:15**).

I pray that the Word of God would be central and absolute in the preaching and ministry of the pastors of _____ (**2 Timothy 3:15-16**).

Lord, I plead that the preaching of the pastors of _____ would be used by You to save the lost, mature the believers, and build up Your church (**Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 4:5**).

I ask that the pastors of _____ would be faithful to preach the truth in spite of opposition or indifference (**1 Timothy 6:12, 20-21; 2 Timothy 3:13-14, 4:2-4**).

Father, I plead that the ministries of the pastors of _____ would be fruitful and would glorify You (**John 15:16; Colossians 1:28**).

I ask that the pastors of _____ would be devoted to praying and preaching (**Acts 6:4**).

Enable the pastors of _____ to intercede for and instruct the congregations

according to Your will (**1 Samuel 12:23; Romans 1:9-10**).

Enable the pastors of _____ to equip the saints for service and discipleship (**Ephesians 4:11-12; 2 Timothy 2:12**).

Father, I ask You to protect the pastors of _____ from Satan and all his attacks. I also ask You to protect and strengthen the pastors of _____ during the attacks of unregenerate church members (**2 Timothy 4:15-18; 2 Corinthians 11:26**).

Lord, I ask You to give the pastors of _____ insight and direction into the solutions for the problems of their churches (**1 Kings 3:7-9**).

God, give the pastors of _____ wisdom and discernment in counseling those who come to them for help or advice (**Proverbs 2:6**).

I plead that the pastors of _____ would have a strong, close, harmonious relationship with those in leadership in their churches (**Psalm 133:1; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Amos 3:3**).

Father, I ask that the pastors of _____ will be able to respond to criticism and opposition in a gracious and Christlike way combined with a determination to be faithful to God and His Word (**Matthew 5:10-12, 43-48, 10:28; Romans 12:14, 17-21**).

I ask that the congregations will be stirred by the Holy Spirit to pray for the pastors of _____ (**1 Thessalonians 5:25**).

I pray that the congregations of _____ will have a growing

love and hunger for the Word of God (**Psalm 119:97**).

I plead that the leadership of the churches and their memberships will be committed to the pastor's ministry (**Hebrews 13:17**).

Cause the congregations to respect and love their pastors (**1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**).

Father, I ask You to silence any rumors, gossip, or slander that is being spread about the pastors of _____ (**Proverbs 15:28, 20:19, and 21:28**).

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I ask that families of the pastors of _____ would be loving, unselfish, respectful, and understanding to each other (**Ephesians 5:25; 1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:33; Ephesians 6:1-4**).

Father, I plead that You would strengthen and bless the marriages and family lives of the pastors of _____ (**Proverbs 5:15-20**).

Daily Prayer Model For Pastors

The following is a guide to help you pray daily for your pastors. Each day you are provided with a particular need that your pastor has.

Sunday – Rest and strength (Psalm 23)

Monday – Intimacy with God (**Psalm 42:1-2**)

Tuesday – Family (**Ephesians 4:32**)

Wednesday – Empowerment and effectiveness in ministry (**Ephesians 4:11-12**)

Thursday – Obedience to God (**Luke 9:23-24**)

Friday – Guidance and insight for leadership (**Romans 12:6-8**)

Saturday – Wisdom (**James 1:5**)

Building Your Quiet Time

Are you having a tough time maintaining your quiet time? Consider the following tips on developing and sustaining your quiet time.

1. Commit yourself to spending time each day with God.
2. Find a time and a place where you can meet with God – your own “holy ground.”
3. Combine reading of the Word with prayer – read through the Bible and pray the Scripture.
4. Pray systematically through the Word of God.
5. Organize your praying.
6. Have an accountability partner that will pray for you and encourage you.
7. Take time to be silent and still in your quiet time; listen for God’s voice.
8. Keep a spiritual journal.
9. Examine your praying to make sure you are dealing with the basics of prayer:
 - Adoration
 - Confession of sin
 - Thanksgiving
 - Supplication
 - Listening

The World Prayer Plan will help assist you in praying for every nation of the world. You can have a powerful and eternal impact as you lift up these nations to God.

March

- 1-Colombia-The Lost
- 2-Comoros Islands
- 3-Congo
- 4-Cook Islands
- 5-Costa Rica
- 6-Cote d'Ivoire
- 7-Cuba-The Church
- 8-Cuba-The Lost
- 9-Cuba-Collapse of Communism
- 10-Cyprus
- 11-Czech Republic
- 12-Slovakia
- 13-Denmark
- 14-Djibouti
- 15-Dominica
- 16-Dominican Republic
- 17-Ecuador
- 18-Egypt-The Church
- 19-Egypt-The Lost
- 20-Egypt-Persecuted Believers
- 21-El Salvador
- 22-Equatorial Guinea

The World Prayer Plan

23-Eritrea	15-Ghana
24-Estonia	16-Gibraltar
25-Ethiopia-The Church	17-Greece
26-Ethiopia-The Lost	18-Greenland
27-Ethiopia-Persecuted Believers	19-Grenada
28-Faeroe Islands	20-Guadeloupe
29-Falkland Islands	21-Guam
30-Croatia-The Church	22-Guatemala
31-Croatia-The Lost	23-Guinea

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April

1-Fiji	24-Guinea-Bissau
2-France-The Church	25-Guyana
3-France-The Lost	26-Haiti
4-France-Hardness To The Gospel	27-Holy See (Vatican)
5-France-Missionaries	28-Honduras
6-French Guiana	29-Hong Kong
7-French Polynesia	30-Hungary-The Church
8-Gabon	
9-Gambia	
10-Gaza Strip	
11-Georgia	
12-Germany-The Church	
13-Germany-The Lost	
14-Germany-Spiritual Warfare	