

# Pastor Search Prayer Guide

A 30–Day Prayer Guide  
for our Next Senior Pastor



As we move forward in the process of searching for our next Senior Pastor, we are extending an invitation to a concentrated prayer opportunity. Along with your daily time alone with the Lord, join us in praying specifically for the search process by utilizing the 30-day prayer guide. This guide includes a Scripture verse and specific prayer request for each day. Prayer is the greatest asset for our family of faith to be unified in asking the Father for His man that He has chosen to our next Senior Pastor. Let's enjoy the journey together!

### **Day 1**

Proverbs 9:10 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the holy one is insight. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor fears and knows the Lord, leading to wisdom and insight as he shepherds our church.

### **Day 2**

James 1:5 – If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor seeks wisdom from God, trusting that God will provide everything he has promised to his children.

### **Day 3**

Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart come and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones – Pray that our next Senior Pastor will walk in humility and obedience before the Lord, trusting His direction.

### **Day 4**

Psalms 51:17 – The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. - Pray that God will give our next Senior Pastor a broken and repentant heart that honors the Lord may he lead the pastors staff and congregation to a place our trust in the mercy of God.

### **Day 5**

Psalms 119:10-11 – With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. – Pray our next Senior Pastor eagerly and faithfully seeks the Lord. May he fight sin by studying and memorizing scripture.

### **Day 6**

Matthew 7:7-8 – Ask, And it will be given to you knock, and you will find: knock, and it will be open to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be open. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor be a man of persistent and intentional prayer to the Lord, knowing that He is a good Father who gives His children everything they need.

### **Day 7**

Titus 2:11-13 – For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor relies on the saving grace of God to live a godly life, renouncing the sin of the world around him, and focusing on the hope of Christ's return.

### **Day 8**

Philippians 4:4 – Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor is full of true gratitude, always thinking and rejoicing in the Lord.

### **Day 9**

Ephesians 5:15-17 – Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. - Pray that our next Senior Pastor will seek the will of God in how to prioritize his time and walk in wisdom. Asked that he lead the pastors, ministers, and staff in a way to maximize their time and gifts for the glory of God and the good of the body of Christ.

### **Day 10**

Proverbs 11:3a – The integrity of the upright guides them. - Pray that our next Senior Pastor will honestly; ask that God will bring a group of men around him to walk with him, providing support and accountability. May he lead the Pastors, staff, and congregation to walk and speak with integrity.

### **Day 11**

Proverbs 29:25 – The fear of man lays a snare, whoever trusts in the Lord is safe. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor will resist manipulation from men. Ask that the Lord guard his heart for seeking the praise and approval of men.

### **Day 12**

John 13:14-15 – If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor has a servant heart, humbly serving the body as he follows Christ's example and set an example for those around him.

### **Day 13**

John 17:8 – For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that they came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor clings to and proclaims the words of Christ. Ask that we as a church honor and obey the word as it is faithfully preached.

### **Day 14**

John 17:21 – That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I knew, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. - Pray that our next Senior Pastor will lead our church to reflect the unity of the Triune God. Ask that our unity will lead the world to believe in Jesus.

### **Day 15**

Colossians 1:9-10 – And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking it you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor will be filled with an increased in the knowledge of God. Ask that he will bear good fruit, as he leads our church to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord.

### **Day 16**

Colossians 1:11-12 – May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor will be strengthened according to God's power. Ask God to give him a patient and thankful heart, knowing that his qualification comes from the Lord not man.

### **Day 17**

Psalms 1:1-2 – Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; But His delight is in the law of the Lord, and His law he meditates day and night. – Pray that God gives our next Senior Pastor and ever-growing delight in the law of the Lord may he be a man that guards his walk and dwells richly in scripture.

### **Day 18**

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." – Pray that our next Senior Pastor is driven by the command of Jesus to make disciples of all the nations. Ask that he leads us to the unreached, based on the authority and the presence of Christ.

### **Day 19**

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 – And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. Decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor preaches the gospel in a straightforward and Christ-exalting way. Ask that he leads us in a way that demonstrates the power of the Holy Spirit, so that as a church we will put our trust in God and not men.

### **Day 20**

1 Peter 1: 15 - As he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all of your conduct. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor will be holy in his thoughts and action. Ask that he will lead us as a church to walk in holiness.

### **Day 21**

James 4:7 – Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor submits himself to God and resists the coming attacks of the adversary.

### **Day 22**

1 John 1:8-9 – If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor has a heart of honesty and repentance. Ask that the leads the Pastors, staff, and congregation to regularly confess our sin and trust in the faithful forgiveness of God.

**Day 23**

Acts 20:27 – For it did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor preaches and teaches the whole counsel of God. Ask that he lives what he preaches and teaches.

**Day 24**

Jeremiah 29:11 – For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare, and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor will trust the plans of the Lord, both in his personal life and the life of our church.

**Day 25**

Colossians 2:6-7 – Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and build up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. – Pray our next Senior Pastor is walking in Christ, rooted in Christ, and growing in Christ. May he also be a man overflowing with gratitude.

**Day 26**

1 Corinthians 15:58 – Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. – Pray that next Senior Pastor is enthusiastic and consistent in the work the Lord gives him. May he be a willing servant, trusting that God will accomplish His purpose.

**Day 27**

2 Timothy 2:15 – Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the work of truth. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor works hard, knowing that God's approval of him comes through Jesus. Ask that God gives him grace to rightly handle and deliver the word of truth to the church.

**Day 28**

Isaiah 41:10 – Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor finds his courage and strength in the Lord; may he be humbly confident in the Spirit calling him to lead our church. Ask that our church joyfully submits to his vision and leadership as the shepherd God has chosen for us.

**Day 29**

Matthew 11: 28-29 – Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. – Pray that our next Senior Pastor will find rest and instruction in the Lord. Also ask that he will lead our church to be a community that seeks out those who are heavy laden and leads them to Jesus.

**Day 30**

Romans 8:32 – He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? – Pray that our next Senior Pastor and, we as a church, will put our confidence in the character and love of God, knowing that He will always give what will be best for us and glorifying to Him.

## **Doxology**

Ephesians 3:20-21 – Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.