

# A Guide to Praying for Your Pastor

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## **Hands Up - Praise Points**

Praise God that He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and [insert name] as a pastor/teacher for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11).

Praise God that He commanded light to shine out of darkness, and that He has shone in your pastor's heart to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6).

Praise God that He called [insert name] to be a pastor through His will (1 Corinthians 1:1).

## **Knees Bent - Surrender Points**

Surrender your will to God's will as expressed through your pastor's leadership.

Surrender your life and heart to be an encouragement and support to your pastor. Pray for insight and wisdom to know how to be an encouragement and a blessing to him.

Surrender your will and heart to walk in unity, humility, and unselfishness alongside your pastor (Philippians 2:1-4).

## **Shields Out - Intercession Points**

Pray that your pastor's ministry would not be with excellence of speech or human wisdom, but would focus on Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-2).

Pray that your pastor's ministry would be in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (1 Corinthians 2:4).

Pray that your pastor would not lose heart (2 Corinthians 4:1).

Pray that your pastor would renounce the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the Word of God deceitfully (2 Corinthians 4:2).

Pray that your pastor would not focus on himself, but on Christ, and that he would serve others for Jesus' sake (2 Corinthians 4:5).

Pray that your pastor would walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Pray that your pastor would be given the words to boldly make known the mystery of the gospel (Ephesians 6:19).

Pray that your pastor would be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that he would walk worthy of the Lord and be fruitful in every good work (Colossians 1:9-10).

Pray that the name of the Lord Jesus would be glorified in the life of your pastor (2 Thessalonians 1:12).

### **Swords Drawn - Battle Points**

Pray that your pastor would walk in the glory of moral and physical purity. Pray a hedge of protection against any inappropriate desires for sex, food, or rest (sloth).

Pray that your pastor would be protected from materialism. Pray that he would have "neither poverty nor riches... lest he be full and deny the Lord... or lest he be poor and steal and profane the name of his God" (Proverbs 30:7-9).

Pray that your pastor would be protected from the sin of pride in all its manifestations.

Pray against any spirit of discouragement (see Hebrews 12).

Pray that your pastor would be protected from temptations to anger, wrath, bitterness, clamor, evil speaking, or malice (Ephesians 4:30-31).

Pray that your pastor would be freed from isolation (Proverbs 18:1)

Pray that your pastor would be protected from any spirit of fear, and that the Holy Spirit would be manifest in his life in power, love, and clear thinking (2 Timothy 1:7).

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