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Scripture-Based Prayers TO PRAY FOR Your Pastor

Victory. Thank You, Father, that Your eyes are on my shepherd, that Your ears are attentive to my pastor's prayers, and that Your face is against those who plot evil against him/her. Thank You that in all things You work for the good of ____ (insert your pastor's name), who loves You. Through Christ, he/she is more than a conqueror (1 Pet. 3:12; Ro. 8:28,37).

Protection. Thank You that no weapons formed against my pastor will prosper. As ____ dwells in the shadow of the Most High, deliver him/her from terror, darts of doubt, and diseases. Set Your angels around my pastor, and let no power of the enemy harm him/her. Turn aside rumors, gossip, criticism, abuse, and ungratefulness. May inordinate expectations, stress, and fatigue be cast into the sea, and may every need and vision of ____'s be fulfilled (Ps. 91:1-11; Lk. 10:19; Mk. 11:22-24).

Priorities. Lord, give my pastor wisdom to prioritize the tasks of each day. Guard my pastor against the tyranny of the urgent, and help him/her discern what is most important (Ps. 90:12; 2 Cor. 11:14; 1 Jn. 4:1).

Focus. Father, keep my pastor from pride and self-pity. Allow ____ to glory only in the cross, and let it be his/her reason for ministry (Gal. 6:14).

Holiness. Jesus, keep my pastor holy in every way. Protect ____ from seducing spirits, especially when he/she is tired and hard-pressed. Provide friends to help protect my pastor and to walk with him/her in personal holiness (1 Pet. 1:16).

Knowledge. Enlighten the eyes of my pastor so that he/she may know the hope of Your calling, the riches of our glorious inheritance in the saints, and the incomparably great power that is in us who believe. Let my pastor see the full revelation of Jesus Christ. May he/she know Christ and the power of His resurrection (Eph. 1:18-19; Gal. 1:12; Phil. 3:10).

Family. Almighty God, shelter ____ and his/her family. Cover their home, and preserve their time together. In Your faithfulness, meet their financial needs in Christ Jesus, and cancel the assignments of the enemy against them (Ps. 91:1; Phil. 4:19).

Healing. Father, heal my pastor's heart of any grief caused by ministry. Enable ____ to forgive those who hurt or speak against him/her. Bestow on my pastor a crown of beauty instead of ashes and anoint him/her with the oil of gladness instead of mourning. Clothe ____ with a garment of praise. May he/she be an oak of righteousness, a planting of the Lord to display Your splendor (Eph. 4:32; Is. 61:3).

Worship. Draw my pastor into deeper worship of You. Give my pastor a vision of heaven, and keep him/her from traditions that hold the form of godliness but deny its power (Isaiah 6; Revelation 4; 2 Tim. 3:5).

Thoughts. Let the mind of Christ be strong in my pastor. Guard my pastor from mental distractions, doubt, and futile thinking. Enable him/her to take every thought captive to obey Christ (1 Cor. 2:16; Eph. 4:17; Col. 2:8; 2 Cor. 10:3-5).

Time with God. Lord, let nothing hinder my pastor's time with you. Protect my pastor from the distractions of busyness, unnecessary demands, fatigue, overcommitment, compromise, and doubt. Bless ____ with rich study time, and give him/her opportunities, desire, and places to seek You in prayer, both alone and with others (Acts 6:2-4; Mt. 26:41; 2 Tim. 2:15; Mk. 1:35; Acts 1:14).

Preaching. Anoint my pastor with the truth. As ____ preaches, may he/she proclaim Jesus Christ in the energy of the Holy Spirit. Let people be cut to the heart and accept Christ. Confirm ____'s message with signs and wonders. Heal the sick, and set the oppressed free (Mt. 16:17; Col. 1:28; Acts 2:37; Mk. 16:20).

Lasting fruit. Lord, as You have promised, grant my shepherd lasting fruit. Let those who believe in You through his/her ministry grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. May they become disciples who disciple others (Jn. 15:16; Col. 2:6-7; 2 Tim. 2:2).

Fear of God. Lord, keep my pastor in the fear of You. Bind the fear of failure and people. Give my pastor boldness to confront sin and other threats to the church. Enable ____ to remain confident even when others resist the gospel or his/her vision. Honor ____'s stand for You, and come to the rescue when others oppose him/her (Prov. 19:23; Jn. 14:1; Heb. 12:3; Psalm 35).

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