

## PRAYING FOR THE PASTOR AND STAFF

The spiritual strength of the pastor is the biggest single factor toward a vibrant, revived church. For this reason the prayer room intercessors should have certain specific, biblical requests to pray effectively for the pastor and staff. Intercessors must get beyond vague, general prayers that have little focus and power. Below are some suggestions to pray in ongoing requests for our pastor.

Here are a couple of biblical passages that can easily be used for our pastor and leaders.

“For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God: strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father” (Col. 1:9-12)

“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.” (Phil 1:9-11)

Lord, please pour out your Spirit on \_\_\_\_\_ and grant him:

1. An overwhelming awareness of your presence;
2. Powerful conviction of sin;

“For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.” (2 Cor. 7:10).

3. A deep spiritual zeal and love for God;

“But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.” (Rev. 2:4)

“I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.” (Rev. 3:15)

4. The anointing, power and filling of the Spirit;

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

5. Clear discernment of the will of God:

“So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Eph. 5:17)

6. Deep purity and holiness;

“You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. (Lev. 19:2b)

7. A wall of protection for his entire family from Satan’s influence;

“Have you not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side?” (Job 1:10)

8. That his personal and family needs be met abundantly;

9. Fruitfulness in his ministry;

“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”  
(John 15:16)

10. Protection of his health, his time and his marriage;

“You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman, and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.” (James 3:7)

11. Pray that he will faithfully preach God’s Word with power and effectiveness.