



Pray For Your Soul-winning Pastor and Missionaries

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Your personal intercession for your pastors and missionaries may be the key to God's intervention.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance . —Ephesians 6:18

Faithful prayer—whether in public or private—is one of the greatest gifts we can give others.
—David C. McCasland

Your pastor needs to live like (or become) a real Christian who is spiritually sound and a balanced Bible teaching soul-winner. Duh, so pray this that end. The Lord Jesus Christ loves to answer prayers for and from His pastors (that have a close relationship with Him and a desire to evangelize). Perhaps you already have a soundly saved pastor who is sowing seed, watering and reaping the harvest on and off the church campus? Praise the Lord if that is so! You are blessed.

God wants us all to come along side of them, not to pull them down spiritually with our griping, whining and complaining, but to lift them up in prayer and to assist them in caring for His flock ...and not with strings attached, but with anointed power to comfort them, to encourage them, to support and minister to them ...for God wants to give them and you a catch of people. He wants to see your church grow spiritually and numerically as you do things the Bible way and as you all evangelize for Jesus. And God loves to meet all of their needs (as well as yours) as they make His business on earth, their business. Christ is committed to this and He will come through for His pastors as they look to Him and do their part to exalt Christ, to soundly feed the sheep, to nurture, to cultivate the proper friendships and partnerships that God has for them. (1 Thess. 5:17). The Bible tells all Christians to ***"be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer . . . let your requests be made known to God"*** (Phil. 4:6). Please make your requests heard on high for your pastor, for your community and for lost people living there! Start today!

Pray For His Relationship With God

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

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

O Lord, I plead that You will guide _____ in all that He says and does (**Psalm 37:23**).

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

Father, I ask that You would continually control and empower _____ for his own Christian life and the task that You have given him (**Ephesians 5:18**).

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

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

God, I plead that You would make _____ into a holy and godly man that You can use in a dynamic way (**1 Timothy 4:7, 6:11; Hebrews 12:14**).

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

Lord, teach _____ the truth of the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit so that _____ 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 _____ a servant's heart and enable _____ to compassionately minister to this congregation and the lost in this community (**Philippians 2:5**).

Father, I pray that You would create in _____ the faith that pleases You. Enable _____ to approach You, believing that You are a rewarder of those who diligently seek You (**Hebrews 11:6**).

Lord Jesus, I pray that _____ would take deny himself, take up His cross, and follow You (**Matthew 16:24**).

Father, I pray that You would give _____ a heart for fasting (**Matthew 6:16-18**).

Pray For His Teaching and Preaching

God I pray that _____ would be a Christ-centered and Christ-exalting teacher of the Word and a soul-winning preacher without compromise (**1 Corinthians 2:1-4**).

Father, I pray that _____ would have holy fear inside when he remembers remember that God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the angels are listening to His preaching and teaching (**2 Timothy 4:1**).

Lord, I ask that _____ would reap a harvest of souls as he preaches and teaches all the counsels of the Word of God (**Acts 20:20-21**).

I pray that _____ would preach in the power of the Holy Spirit and not be boring or religious (**Acts 4:8-12**).

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

I ask that _____ 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 _____'s preaching and ministry (**2 Timothy 3:15-16**).

Lord, I plead that _____'s preaching 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 _____ 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**).

Pray For His Ministry

Father, I plead that _____'s ministry would be fruitful and would glorify You (**John 15:16; Colossians 1:28**).

I ask that _____ would be devoted to praying and preaching, that he wouldn't forget to talk about the bad news of people being lost and needing to repent when he shares the Good News of your grace and mercy (**Acts 6:4**).

Enable _____ to intercede for and instruct the congregation according to Your will (**1 Samuel 12:23; Romans 1:9-10**).

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

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

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

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

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

Father, I ask that _____ will be able to respond to criticism and opposition in a gracious and Christ-like 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**).

His Relationship To The Church

I ask that the congregation will be supportive and stirred by the Holy Spirit to pray for _____ (**1 Thessalonians 5:25**).

I pray that the congregation will have a growing love for Christ and become soul-winners too, that they would literally have a hunger for the Word of God (**Psalm 119:97**).

I plead that the leadership of the church and the membership of the church will be committed to _____'s soul-winning, disciplining ministry (**Hebrews 13:17**).

Please cause this congregation to respect and love _____ (**1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**).

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

Lord, I ask that the congregation will be prepared to hear and respond to _____'s preaching and teaching (**James 1:21**).

Father, I plead that the congregation will be doers of the Word and not simply hearers of the Word (**James 1:22**).

Pray for Your Pastor's Relationship To His Family

I ask that all the people will be shown Your love and respect God, not in some feigned religious way. I pray that there will be no nepotism, favoritism, or weird politics at my church, that the minor things won't be turned into the major things and that the major things won't be turned into the minor things. We want to be committed to Christ and the essential Christian doctrines giving people liberty with all the non-essential doctrines. I pray that _____'s family would also be loving, soul-winning, 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 _____'s marriage and family life (**Proverbs 5:15-20**).

I pray that _____'s family would be a source of joy and blessing to one another because they are leaning on you to make them that way (**Proverbs 23:24, 31:28-30**).

I pray that the _____'s family will experience constant peace and protection as they reach out to others, especially from the attacks of Satan (**Psalm 91:1-8**).

Praying Hard For Your Missionaries

The Lord Jesus Christ loves to answer prayer for His missionaries, and He wants us to come along side of them with prayer (and possibly other types of support) to help them win a catch of people for God's Kingdom. God loves to meet all their needs with precise timing as they make His business on earth, their business. Christ wants to use churches and Christians to support His missionaries. He wants them to take part in the privilege and fruit of such foreign-based ministry. Every church needs to be involved in this. God is so committed to global outreach and all Christians need to feel the same way. He will come through for missionaries as well as for your pastor as you and I prayer for them (1 Thess. 5:17) and His Great Commission will be fulfilled, but none of us need to do things our own way. The Bible tells all Christians to **"be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer . . . let your requests be made known to God"** (Philippians 4:6).

***Any hour when helping others or when bearing heavy care
Is the time to call on our Father—it's the proper time for prayer.*** —Zimmerman

So don't wait. It's always time to pray. —David C. Egner

Here are some suggested prayers that you might use not in a wooden mechanical religious kind of way, thinking that mere repetition in prayer will somehow gain you points with God or a response from God for yourself and for the missionaries you know. No these are merely a loose track to run on, to give you some Bible ideas for your personal and family to intercede with, for missionaries that need to be (or become) soul-winners. They are based on the Word of God and you can talk to the Lord thoroughly using them, but please feel free to follow the Holy Spirit and depart from the track as He will lead you. Pray in faith with expectation and with great confidence for this work matters to our missionary-minded God.

Father, I plead that _____ will be filled with the Holy Spirit and will daily walk in His power (**Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 5:16**).

I pray that _____ will speak the Word of God with boldness (**Acts 4:31; Ephesians 6:19**).

I ask that _____ will present the gospel clearly to unbelievers (**Colossians 4:4**).

Lord, I pray that _____ would be accepted by the believers and the missionaries in the area where they are laboring (**Romans 15:30-31**).

God, I plead that You will protect _____ from the attacks of Satan and his demons (**Romans 15:30-31; 2 Thessalonians 3:2-3**).

Father, I ask that You would open doors and hearts to receive the gospel as _____ ministers in his/her place of service (**Colossians 4:3**).

I pray that You will make _____'s ministry exceedingly fruitful and that You will glorify Yourself through this ministry (**2 Thessalonians 3:1**).

Father, I plead that You will deliver _____ from loneliness and frustration (**Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 18:9-10; Hebrews 13:5**).

Lord, I pray that You will create in _____ a servant's heart (**Philippians 2:5-10**).

I ask that _____ will live and labor each day for the glory of God (**1 Corinthians 10:31**).

Father, I plead that _____ will be a vessel through which the love of God can flow to others (**Romans 5:5; John 13:34-35**).

Please grant _____ Your specific direction for his/her ministry (**Psalm 37:5**).

I ask that _____ will have a growing and intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ (**John 15:4-5**).

I pray that _____ will have a deeper and clearer understanding of the Word of God (**John 16:13**).

Father, I plead that You will continually protect _____ from all harm and ask that You would strengthen _____ physically (**Genesis 2:7**).

I ask that You would grant _____ peace and assurance about the care of his/her family members that are left at home (**1 Peter 5:7**).

Fill _____ with Your joy in all situations and let this joy sustain _____ in all situations (**Nehemiah 8:10**).

Father, I pray that _____ would see people and things from Your perspective (**Proverbs 3:5**).

Lord, I ask that You would bless and strengthen _____'s family (**Ephesians 5:22-6:4**).

I plead that _____ will have a renewed and growing zeal to share the gospel with unbelievers (**Romans 1:15-16**).

I ask that _____ will be completely yielded to Christ and willing to die to self in all matters (**Mark 8:34-35**).

I pray that _____ will be growing in humility (**1 Peter 5:5-6**).

Father, I plead that _____ will endure persecution in a Christ-like manner and will be willing to give his/her life for the gospel's sake if that is what is called for in the situation (**1 Peter 2:21-23**).

I ask You to create a thankful heart in _____ especially in times of difficulty (**Ephesians 5:20**).

I pray that You will raise up prayer partners for _____ (**1 Thessalonians 5:24**).

I plead that all of _____'s needs—physical, spiritual, emotional, and spiritual—will be met by You through Your grace and power (**Philippians 4:19**).

I ask that _____ will labor from godly motives and not from a desire to please people (**2 Corinthians 4:2**).

I plead, O God, that you would raise up strong believers around _____ who will encourage him/her in the tasks that God has given to him/her (**Philemon 20**).

I pray that _____ would long to be holy and live a life of obedience to the Word of God (**1 Peter 1:15-16**).

I plead that _____ would be salt and light to the people to which he/she has been sent (**Matthew 5:13-14**).

Pray for your missionary's specific evangelistic efforts. Correspond with him/them so you will know what is on their hearts. Pray that they will have the wisdom and support that they will need. Pray that your missionary will be a witness both by his or her life and with their words. Pray they will get along well with the other missionaries, neighbors and national leaders on the field. Pray that they will give a powerful and effective witness to both their community to their friends who are beloved nationals.

I pray that _____ would be salt and light in the midst of this lost world. Grant _____ a righteous influence in the world (**Matthew 5:13-15**).

I ask that _____ would walk in wisdom toward those who are outside the body of Christ. I also pray that _____'s speech would be full of grace, godliness, and wisdom so that _____ may know how he/she ought to answer and respond to the lost (**Colossians 4:5-6**).

Father, I plead that You would be the main pursuit of _____'s life and that _____ would always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks _____ a reason for the hope that is in him/her with meekness and fear (**1 Peter 3:15**).

I pray that _____ would do all things without murmuring and disputing so that _____ would become blameless and harmless, a child of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom _____ should shine as a light in the world, holding fast the word of life (**Philippians 2:14-16**).

I ask that _____ would know and understand the terror of the Lord. I pray that _____ would see and know clearly that people without Jesus Christ are lost and headed to an eternal hell to face the wrath of God. Because _____ knows and understands these things, I plead that _____ would persuade lost people to turn from their sin and to the Lord Jesus Christ in faith (**2 Corinthians 5:11**).

Holy Spirit, I plead that You will give _____ a continual and agonizing burden concerning lost people and their need to repent and believe (**Romans 9:1-3**).

Father, You have declared in Your Word that You have given believers the ministry of reconciliation. _____ has surrendered his/her life to You. Because of this, You have given _____ the ministry of reconciliation—sharing the gospel with lost people so that they can be in a right relationship with You. I ask that _____ would be faithful to this ministry by sharing the gospel with others (**2 Corinthians 5:17-19**).

Father, You have saved _____. You have made _____ an ambassador for Your Son, Jesus Christ, in this world. I pray that _____ would recognize like never before that he/she represents the Lord Jesus Christ in this world. Enable _____ to live a life worthy of the Lord Jesus Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:20**).

I pray that _____ would see this lost world as God sees it (**John 3:16**).

I ask that _____ would not grow weary in sharing the gospel but that _____ will know that if he/she does not lose heart he/she will reap converts to Christ (**Galatians 6:9**).

I pray that _____ would receive power from the Holy Spirit and that _____ would be a witness for You wherever he/she goes (**Acts 1:8**).

I plead that _____ would have certainty and understanding concerning the truth of the gospel. I pray that _____ would diligently search the Scripture so that he/she will know what he/she believes and will be able to share and defend the Word of God (**Romans 10:8-17; Acts 17:11**).

I ask that _____ would not be conformed to this world but that _____ will be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind (**Romans 12:2**).

I pray that _____ would not love this world nor the things of this world. I plead that _____ would not be attracted to and lured away by the things of this world, but that _____ will be focused on doing the will of God (**1 John 2:15-17**).

I ask that You would grant _____ opportunities to share the gospel. Bring lost people into _____'s life so that he/she can share Your Word with them (**Colossians 4:3; Matthew 7:7**).

Lord Jesus, You have declared in Your Word that we will be hated because we belong to You. For this reason, I ask You to give _____ the strength and the courage to stand for You in this lost world. Lord Jesus, do not allow _____ to compromise his/her stand due to the reaction of the world (**John 15:18-21**).

Father, I plead that You will make _____ bold and fearless in his/her witness of Your Son (**Proverbs 28:1**).¹

¹ These suggested prayer requests were adapted from Dr. Kevin Meador writings on prayer for ministers.