

# Praying for Pastors

A Compilation of Prayers written by Evangelical Association affiliates

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## **A prayer for provision for pastors      Phil 4:18-19**

Father God, I lift my prayer to you this day to on behalf of our pastor(s) and their needs both financially and physically. Our Pastor(s) invests so much of themselves for the growth of our wellbeing it is imperative that we too invest properly to ensure they can divest this burden fully to us. We want to glorify you Father by being able to meet their needs abundantly so nothing would be able to hinder their desire to serve You and us to the fullest measure they are able. Lord the blessing of this is not only a Pastor fully immersed in You, their family, ministry, and growth of Your Kingdom but also the fullness of Your blessing back unto us for all our needs in Christ Jesus. May we be a blessing to our Pastor(s) as they are a blessing to us. Thank you for our Pastor(s) Father, and as we work together may we not only be blessed but be a blessing, In Jesus name, Amen

## **A prayer to protect pastors' reputations      Isa 54:17**

Heavenly Father,

It is hard to be a pastor, especially in these days. Pastors' reputations are often now being falsely attacked from both outside of the church and even inside. People are trying to stop the work of your servants. Father, this is not just hurting our pastors' work, it is also hurting them and this should not happen.

Father, please protect our pastor by protecting his reputation. Would you please prevent attacks that are false and prevent his ministry from being damaged? Our pastor needs Your protection. And our pastor needs Your vindication when the attacks come. Would You do as You promised in Isaiah 54:17 that attacks on Your servants will not stand and that You will vindicate them?

Father, would you cause us to seek to protect our pastor's reputation more than we already are? Please cause us to not listen to rumors or make false judgments. Cause us to never be willing to spread rumors when we disagree. Please cause us to be stirred up to protect our pastor and to let him know we believe in him as he follows You. Father, would you cause our pastor to experience your vindication and support, and ours as well.

Father, we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to be an example**

**1 Peter 5:3**

Father,

In 1 Peter 5:3 you call pastors to be examples for Your flocks. Our pastors are supposed to live lives of holiness, integrity, grace, mercy, and all of the rest that You command. Our pastors are to be models for us to grow in our walk with You. We are to see in them what our lives are to look like. We are to see in them how we are to rightfully respond to both You and this world. Father, would you lead our pastor to be an example for our church? Would you guide him in how to act and would you give him the strength to be obedient? Please be his strength and encouragement, our pastor cannot do this without you. Please remind him that you see his faithfulness and it will not be for naught. Father, if our pastor is to be an example for us then we are required to respond to his example. Your will for us is to grow in our obedience by imitating him. But, we often do not like nor want to do this. We for many different reasons do not follow his example. Please forgive us, please change our hearts about this, and please cause us to want to follow his example so that we could live lives more pleasing to You our God. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to increase their love of the Gospel**

**Rom 1:16**

Father, You tell us that the Gospel drives everything in our lives. It affects everything and empowers us to live rightly for you. The Gospel saves us and changes us. Father, would you increase our Pastor's love of the Gospel as he leads us in it? Would You cause him to marvel in it like the angels do? Would You cause him to see that it is the most beautiful thing every? And, would you cause this all to happen to us as well? In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to increase their heart for the lost**

**John 4**

Father, our pastor is busy with the needs of our church and the care of us, the people of this flock. He loves us and works hard for us. But you have called pastors to have a heart for the lost as well, not just us. In John 4 Jesus models this by seeking out a Samaritan woman who was lost. He loved her by talking to her, meeting her where she was, and offering salvation to her. Jesus sought to lift her out of her lostness through faith in Him. We are to do the same, our pastor is to do the same.

Father, please increase our pastor's heart for the lost. Cause him to care for them more than their lostness offends. Cause his heart to break for them as Christ's did. May he seek them out, invest time in their lives, and speak truth in grace. May he show them Jesus. Father, would you also make this true of us and would you cause us to not just allow this time in his schedule but to make it.

We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to work in Christ's strength    2 Cor 12:9-10**

Heavenly Father, we praise you because you are so good. Abounding in grace and mercy; all powerful and also loving. We pray today, Lord, that that truth would be real to us and affect how we behave. Lord, we pray specifically for our Pastor(s) that they would be humble and give You all the credit for the goodness and faithfulness of their ministry. Lord, in Paul's life you gave him a thorn in his side so that he would not become conceited. You clearly revealed to Paul, and to us, that Your grace is sufficient. That Your power is made perfect in weakness. Lord we pray that our Pastor(s) can be content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities like Paul. And that they can boast in their weakness, so that the power of Christ may rest upon them. We pray for the church to understand this truth as well. Please give us all the ability to glorify God, not our Pastor, when times are good *and* when times are bad. In Jesus name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors' spiritual protection    Eph 6:2, Matt 6:13**

Father, your Word tells us that we are at war. The demons and the world under their control is fighting against You and Your Church. When we become Christians we receive a target on our back this demonic attack. When someone becomes a pastor the target becomes much bigger. Satan loves to take down pastors because of the damage it does to the Gospel and the hurt it causes to the Church.

Father, would you protect our pastor from spiritual warfare? Would You protect him from attacks from Satan and the demons? Would You send Your holy angels to fight on his behalf? And, would You cause him to be utterly dependent on You for this? He needs you, our pastor cannot do this on his own and neither can we. Please help our pastor and protect him. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to have the right words    Col 4:6**

Father, our pastor is always speaking, it is a big part of his job. He speaks to us in the worship service, he speaks to us in teaching, he speaks to us during the week, and he speaks to those in the community who are not part of our church. Father, would you give our pastor the right words to say when he speaks? Would you cause him to say wise words, kind words, words from knowledge? Would you lead him to speak words that lead, comfort, biblically convict, and shepherd? So much of Your ministry for him is through his speaking. Please give him the right words to say to further that ministry. In Christ's name, Amen.

## **A prayer to protect pastors from pride      2 Cor 12:1-7**

Father,

Pride is a horrible sin. It sneaks up on us and does great damage to us and others. And, no one is immune to it, even the Apostol Paul was in danger of pride and You gave him a “thorn in his flesh” to prevent him from giving into pride. Father, with pride so dangerous would you protect our pastor from pride? Like Paul needed your help our pastor needs your help too. Would you cause our pastor to see when pride is starting? Would you prevent it from doing so?

Father, would you use us in our pride as well? Would you use us to help our pastor by supporting him and giving grace? Would you create a safe space in our church were pride can be discussed without danger. Father, please protect our pastor from pride.

It is in Christ’s name we ask, Amen.

A prayer to give confidence that pastoral work matters in eternity      Phil 1:6

## **A prayer for pastors to lead their families well      1 Tim 3:4**

Father, pastors’ families often take second place to the church, and this is not right. Pastors are to care for their families not as being a pastor, but because You call all of your people to care for their families. However, You made is a requirement to be a pastor or elder in 1 Timothy 3:6. Pastors are required to care for and lead their families and this is not an option. But this is hard for our pastor at times. He does so much for the church. Please cause him to lead his family well. Please cause him to put them first after You. Please cause him to say no at time to us, this church, so to put them first. Father, he needs Your help in this, his family needs Your help. And, we need You help too. Please also cause us to encourage him to care for his family and to realize that he cannot be at every church event. We ask in Christ’s name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to have time for children      Deut 6:4-7**

Lord, we thank you for our pastor and all that he does. We know the demands of the church can be a strain on his work-life balance, his marriage, and his family. We pray that you can help with his time management, ensuring that he can give adequate time to his children, being a Godly example to them and fulfilling his fatherly responsibilities well. Give him the courage to say “no” to the church’s demands in times when his children need him most. Please bless his family and our church. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **A prayer for the kingdom to increase through our pastors 2 Thes 3:1**

Father, we desire our church to grow and look to our pastor's ministry to be part of this growth. But even more than our church, we desire that Your Kingdom will grow. We desire that more people would become Christians and live for you in this world. Would you use our pastor's ministry to grow your Kingdom? Would you use him to increase the number of those who have real faith in Christ? We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

### **A prayer for pastors' increase in ability to preach 2 Tim 4:1-2**

Father, thank you for our pastor. Thank you for Your Word. And, thank you for teaching us through Your Word by our pastor preaching it to us. Father, we are blessed by the preaching of Your Word and often take it for granted. Would you change us to see how wonderful it is to be preached to?

Father, would you increase the ability of our pastor to preach? Would you cause him to grow in his ability to communicate and grasp our attention? Would you also cause him to grow in his understanding of Scripture? We are thankful to you for his preaching and we ask that it would even become more powerful so that we would be changed by it even more. We ask this in Christ's name, Amen.

### **A prayer for pastors' increase in sound doctrine 2 Tim 4:3**

Father, truth matters. Your truth from Your Word matters. You want us to understand it correctly, You want us to have correct doctrine. Father, our pastor leads us in this and therefore he needs to have correct doctrine to teach us. Would you work this in his life? Would you increase his knowledge of you and lead him into more correct doctrine than he already has? Would you give him a passion for this and would you lead us in it through him? In Christ's name, Amen.

### **A prayer for pastors to preach the fullness of the Bible Acts 20:27**

Oh, my soul! How great is our God, His salvation, and the gift of His Word. Today I pray for pastors to share the Word of God with no diversions, distractions, or dilutions. May the desire be to do what God says to do to help others get to hear about Jesus. Man knows what man is doing; mankind is coming to church to hear the Word. So, God, please help pastors (and all of us) to deliver the message "straight" --just Jesus. Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors' humbleness in leading      Num 12:3**

Father, leading a church is hard. Leading it correctly is even harder. Pastors are not to lead out of pride or arrogance. Instead, they are to lead out of humbleness. You use Moses as an example to teach us this. Moses lead Your people, he did not waver or leave decisions up to debate, but he was also humble and lead out of this humbleness.

Father, would you cause our pastor to lead like this? Would you give him this kind of humbleness where he would not think of himself as better than others and still has loving boldness? Would you help him to love us by leading us this way? In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors' increase in their understanding of culture**

### **Acts 17:22-23**

O Lord of heaven and earth, we come before you fully recognizing that you are the God who created all people, even those who have chosen to walk in paths of error and falsehood and who deny your power, grace and Lordship over their lives. We pray for our pastor that he/she may have the wisdom and the patience to proclaim your truth in a society in which the message of Christ is often inaccurately viewed as narrow, intolerant or judgmental. Help our pastor to cultivate relationships with people outside of our church who are following the ways of the world and who may even have negative views of what it means to follow Jesus. Fill our pastor with wisdom to know how to effectively deal with the questions and objections that non-believers in our society have which they perceive as stumbling blocks that prevent them from being able to accept the claims of Christ in their lives. Make our pastor a true defender of the faith who knows how, with love, grace and humility to have persuasive conversations with people who are living by the inadequate and unfulfilling philosophies of this world. In Jesus' name - Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors' increase in love of the Word      Psalm 119:46-47**

Father, Your Word is everything that we need to know about You and about ourselves. It is the means which we can only know what is true. But Your Word is more, it is life. It feeds us, grows us, shapes us, and gives us joy. Father, our pastor knows Your Word well. He studies it often and is in it every week. Father, it is a danger though for Your Word to become mechanical to him, to just be something he does, he learns just to teach others.

Father, would you increase his passion for Your Word? If His love and awe for it has dwindled, would you fan it into a roaring fire? Increase his love for it. No matter how great his love is, increase it. Father, would you do this for us as well?

In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors' increase in knowledge      1 Tim 6:20-21**

Father, it is hard to be a pastor in this current culture that does not like you and your church. There are great difficulties that our pastor needs to be aware of and navigate. Many of the specific challenges are not directly addresses by Scripture, like a property tax policy and church property. Father, our pastor needs a lot of knowledge to lead our flock well in these trying times. Would you provide him with the knowledge that he needs to do the job that you have called him to do? Would you increase his knowledge and give him a desire to increase his learning? Father, not only does he needs this, but we need for him to have this as well. Please bless our church by increasing our pastor's knowledge. We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.



## **A prayer for pastors to be blessed by God Num 6:23-26**

Those who serve you, Lord, have need. Though we live not by bread alone, our bodies require sustenance. Though we know we should not worry about tomorrow, about what we will eat or drink or what we will wear, we need our daily bread and drink and clothes. And resources for rent and cars and for all the bills that pile up. Grant us living water as well as provision for life in this world.

Those who serve you, Lord, have need. Though you are our strength and ours is the spirit of power, iron sharpens iron. Grant us friendships and mentors and encouragers who spur us onward in our call.

Those who serve you, Lord, have need. Though the gates of hell shall not prevail against your church, we feel the pressure of concern daily for our congregations. Grant us wisdom and perseverance and a gentle spirit.

But let us not forget, Lord, that you are the ultimate blessing. May our hearts long first for you, the one from whom all these blessings flow. Indeed, may your face shine upon us and be gracious to us. May you turn your face toward us and grant us your peace. And may we walk humbly with you now and forever. Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to have joy 1 Peter 1:8**

Heavenly Father, Lord you are good. We read in your word that joy is not only reserved for the time when Jesus returns, but rather we can have true joy now. We find this joy in loving Jesus and believing in Him, even though we have not seen Him. And because of that we can rejoice with inexpressible joy at the ultimate outcome of our eternal salvation. (1 Peter 1:7-9). Father, today we pray for inexpressible joy for our Pastors, our shepherds. Lord, they love their flock and hurt when we hurt. Suffer when we suffer. They bear our burdens with us and carry a heavy load. They weep for us and pray for us, oftentimes unbeknown to us. Lord, we pray that their joy would be firmly grounded in what You have already accomplished. We pray that their joy would not be dependent on worldly circumstances, but rather eternal promises. But we also pray that you could bring them joy in the everyday moments of this life. Let them see You at work in big ways and small and enjoy those moments daily. We pray these things in Jesus' holy name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors' marriages Solomon 8:6-7**

Lord, we pray for our pastor's marriage. Ministry is a calling and a joy but it is also time consuming, emotionally demanding and sometimes draining. Lord, we know that our pastor's wife sees so much more of the toll it all takes him, and we pray that you would strengthen their marriage. We pray that you would fill it with joy and laughter, hope and security, and peace.

Lord as each of them grow closer to You let that draw them closer together. As they remind themselves of Your truth individually, let that confidence in You and what You have already accomplished overflow into their relationship. Please give them the time and space to be intentional about guarding and feeding their marriage.

We are so grateful for our Pastor and spouse. Bless them as they continue to bless us.  
Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors' children Psalm 127:3-5**

Father, you tell us many times in your Word that Children are a blessing from you, like Psalm 127. They are a great blessing and a gift and we love them. We want you to protect and bless our children. We want you to be in their lives because they need You because life is hard.

Father, we also ask you that you would even more so be in the lives of our pastor's children. It is hard to be a pastor's child. They are under a microscope that is not fair and they have to give up their father to the church so much. They see things about the church that no child should see. Father, would you be with them, would you protect and bless them? Turn their hearts to you and make them Your own. Would you cause them to see the church as beautiful but not yet perfect? Would you cause them to have patience and wisdom?

Father, please pour out your mercy and grace upon our pastor's children whether they be young or old. Please make them stronger and do not let the call of their father hurt their faith. They need you and we go to you on their behalf for this.

In Jesus' name we pray this to you, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastor's witness    1 Cor 9:19-23**

Lord, you have commanded us to make disciples. As a church and individually we are all required to spread the good news. But Lord, we are not being diligent in following this command. So often, we shy away from telling the truth because it is hard or uncomfortable, because we are scared of what others may think. Or because we believe that witnessing is the job of the Pastor only. Lord forgive us, please.

As we grow in our confidence in you Lord, please give us all boldness. Lord, let the witness of our Pastor be an example to us all. Lord, please protect and strengthen our Pastor's witness. We praise you that we have a Pastor who is the same on Sunday morning as he is on Saturday night. We thank you that he is in the community, meeting people who desperately need you. And that he uses wisdom to meet people where they are as he shares Your truth and the good news.

Thank you Lord, amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to fear God and not man    Proverbs 19:23**

Father, we all are tempted to fear people more than we fear you. We are tempted to care more about what others think of us than what You think, we care more about others opinions about what we do than Your opinions. This is true of our pastor as well. He is tempted to be fear our opinions more than Yours. But this should not be. It is sin against You and it hurts us.

Father, would you give our pastor a heart that fears you above all others, more so that he already has? Would you lead him to put You first in this? He needs Your help because the temptation can be so hard. And, would you cause us to understand when our pastor does not do what we want because he is doing what You want. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to be able to rest      Matt 11:28-30**

Heavenly Father, please give our Pastors the ability to truly rest. As they humbly and fervently follow you and lead the church, their burdens can become heavy. Lord, we all go to them for help and wisdom and they carry that for us and with us, in Your strength. Lord, today we pray that they will remember your words from Matthew 28, "Come to me, all 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Lord, provide rest that is supernatural. Rest that restores their bodies and their minds. Rest that builds them up to continue the race You have put before them. Let them rest in Your truth. In your eternal and unchangeable promises. Bless them and keep them. Thank you for their hearts of servant leadership. Thank you that they have hearts that love us well, not the type of love that avoids saying hard things but the kind of love that yearns for what is best for us and will gently tell us difficult truths we need to hear. Lord, we know that must be draining. Fill them up. Give them Your rest. Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to have wisdom      James 1:5**

Heavenly Father, we read in your word "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5. Today Lord, we pray for wisdom for our Pastor. That you would pour out a supernatural, generous portion of increased wisdom for him.

Our world is increasingly confusing, difficult, scary and hostile to all that You say is truth. And as our Pastor continues to preach Your truth, he needs wisdom to respond in love and truth. With compassion and boldness. With humility and complete assurance of Your unchangeable truth, goodness and mercy. Both in the world, and in the church.

We love you Lord. Thank you for hearing our prayers. Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to be held in honor    1 Tim 5:17-18**

Father, You tell us in 1 Timothy 5:17-18 that our pastor deserves honor. Father, often he is not treated with honor. The world is not kind to him. Places where he used to be able to go and do ministry has been closed. The world does not like what he represents and takes it out on him.

But Father, the real problem is us, we do not honor our pastor as we should. He does more for us that we ever will know. Our burdens become his burdens, our hurts become his hurts, but do we even know his? Father, we often look to him as equals and even sometimes look down on him. Would you forgive us for this sin? And, would you change our hearts so we would hold our pastor with great honor and look up to him. Would you cause this to happen in us and cause him to feel and receive the honor that he is due. Father, we ask this not just because of you commanding it, or how he works so hard for us, but also because you have called him to be our pastor and therefore when we honor him we are honoring You. We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to counsel well    Prov 15:22**

Father, one of the big things our pastor has to do is counsel. Pastors counsel us in all our areas of life. And, it is hard. Father, our pastor needs Your help in this. Would you increase his ability to counsel? Please cause his knowledge and understanding of counseling increase. Cause him to see accurately what are the situations going on that he needs to speak into. Give him clear insight. Lead him to give good wisdom in what to do in our situations when we come to him. Father, cause our pastor to be better in counseling us than just his own ability. We need You to do this for and through him so we can get the wise counseling we need what we go to our pastor. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to fight for God's truth      1 Tim 6:13-16**

Heavenly Father, We come before You today with hearts full of gratitude for the pastors You have called to shepherd Your people. Just as Paul charged Timothy in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who made the good confession before Pontius Pilate, we pray that our pastors may continue to fight the good fight of faith.

Lord, we ask that You give them the strength to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. May they be bold in proclaiming the truth of Your Word, standing firm against falsehood and error. Equip them with the courage to preach the message of Christ without compromise, knowing that they serve the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and dwells in unapproachable light.

May they always remember that they are called to live blameless lives, holding fast to the confession of faith until the day of our Lord's appearing. Let their example inspire others to seek after Your truth, and may they lead with humility, grace, and the power of Your Spirit. We trust in Your promise that You will sustain and uphold them, as they serve You with all their hearts. Keep them faithful to the end, for the glory of Your name. In Jesus' mighty name we pray, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors that their congregation submits to their authority**

### **Heb 13:17**

Father, You lead Your church through Your pastors that You have called. In tell us this in many passages of Scripture. You command us to head to it and submit to our pastors in many verses such as Hebrews 13:17, *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.* But Father, this often is hard for us. We are fallen sinners and we are tempted to reject our pastor's authority that You have given him. And sometimes we give in to this temptation, instead of submitting to our pastor we act like we expect him to submit to ours. Father, first, please forgive us of this sin. Second, please change us so that we will willingly want to submit to our pastor. Please lead us and help us in this. Please show us that in our willful submission to him we are also submitting to You our God. We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to enjoy Sundays**

**Isa 58:13-14**

Father, every Sunday is work for our pastor. There is so much that is dependent on him. He prepares for Sunday all week and if there is anything wrong he moves to fix it. But Sunday is not just work for him, it is also the Lord's Day. It is the day that You have chosen for Your people to stop life and corporately worship You. While it is still a lot of work for our pastor, would you cause it even more so to be a delight? Would you cause him to enjoy Sunday's on a deep level? Would you protect Your day of worship in his heart so it does not get drug down by the work aspect of it? Father, we know that you can do this and we ask that you would do it now for our pastor. In Jesus'

## **A prayer for pastors' prayer lives**

**Eph 1:16**

Father, there is so much to do in ministry. Our pastor has more work than he can accomplish every day. He works hard, but in that work he is tempted to skimp on prayer. Taking time out to pray seems like time that work is not being done. But prayer is the fuel of ministry, and it is the fuel for the health of our pastor.

Father, would you give our pastor a burning desire for prayer? Would you grow his prayer time? Would you cause him to say no to other things so to have time to pray to you? Father we need this in him and he needs it too. Please increase not only his amount of time praying but the richness of it. Please cause him to pray rightly and to experience your presence as he does. And, please do the same for us as you do this for our pastor. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors' discernment**

**Phil 1:9-10**

Our Father, who rules from heaven, we thank you for providing our pastor, our shepherd, to guide us and help us in our spiritual walk with you. We pray for him, we ask that you would help him to increase in love, both for you and for our congregation. We pray that his love would increase more and more, as you cause him to know you and your will with insight from your Holy Spirit. And we pray that you will lead him, and us, into being better able to discern what is best – so that we will be pure and blameless until the Day that Christ returns; and be filled with righteousness that your Spirit produces through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God. Amen, Father; may it be so.

## **A prayer for pastors' ability to endure      Heb 12:1**

Father, the call to full-time ministry is hard. Paul described it as running a long race. The author of the book of Hebrews tells us the same thing in 12:1. Father, would you give our pastor the endurance needed to run the race of full-time ministry? Would You give him the strength and endurance that he needs each day? Would you give him the energy to do the work that you have set before him well? Would you cause him to run and finish this race well? Help him to get through the hardships and the long hours. Cause him to see you empowering him and to see the prize at the end. Father, our pastor needs you, would you do this for him? We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **A prayer for pastors to have patience 1 Tim 1:16**

Heavenly Father, you are so patient with us. Paul reminds us of Your perfect patience in 1 Tim. 1:15-17. Paul knows who he was without You. And Paul is utterly humbled, gob smacked even, with Your patience with him. Your perfect timing, Your perfect will. Lord, we pray that our pastors would remember Your patience and have patience themselves. So often we want things to happen on our own timeline, but only You know the perfect plan. Lord, give our pastors mercy and patience that reflects your own. Not for their own glory but like Paul so that "Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to that who were to believe in him for external life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



## **Additional topics you can use to pray for pastors:**

A prayer for pastors' spouses Eph 5:25

A prayer for pastors to increase in holiness 1 Tim 3:7

A prayer for pastors' boldness in leading Joshua 1:9

A prayer for pastors to increase in love for God Deut 6:4-5

A prayer for pastors to increase in love of church members 2 Cor 8:16

A prayer for pastors to be protected from false accusations 1 Tim 5:19-21

A prayer for pastors' ministries Eph 4:11-12

A prayer for pastors' friends outside of the church Ecc 4:9-12

A prayer for pastors to increase in love for family 1 Tim 5:8

A prayer for pastors' ability to lead Acts 20:28

A prayer for pastors to find God's favor Psalm 119:58

A prayer for pastors to disciple well Col 1:28-29

A prayer for pastors to have strength 1 Tim 1:12

A prayer for pastors to fight sin 1 Tim 6:11

A prayer for pastors to be encouraged 1 Thes 5:11

A prayer for pastors to be respected by the church 1 Thes 5:12-13

A prayer for pastors' increase in self-control 2 Cor 10:3-6