

Prayer for Pastors

CONTEXT FOR PRAYER FOCUS: The PPV's primary assignment is to pray for unity in the Body of Christ. Beginning on January 1, 2020, the Holy Spirit added the assignment of daily prayer for each Watchman's own pastor(s) and local assembly.

Pastors are called by God to shepherd His sheep. They have a grace and anointing to care for the people of God by teaching, guiding, counseling, mentoring, encouraging, loving, and praying for them, and giving many other benefits to their sheep. It's a heavy load to carry. Pastors face many of the same pressures, problems and struggles in life as those not in leadership. In addition, they are on the front lines of spiritual warfare! They are bombarded with attacks from the enemy on all sides, because the devil knows if he can destroy a pastor's ministry, he can cause damage to the people the pastor has been assigned to watch over and nurture in the Lord. Therefore, as Watchmen, we should pray daily and fervently as the Holy Spirit leads for our pastors and leaders in the Body of Christ, including fellow PPV Watchmen that serve as pastors and leaders.

God has given PPV seven target areas to focus on for our pastors, and each Watchman is free to add target areas as God reveals them by the Holy Spirit. All seven target areas can be prayed each day, or one each day, or by another schedule as God leads. A sample table and prayers follow:

Sunday - Wisdom - James 1:5, 3:17; Proverbs 2:1-15; Proverbs 3:5-8, 13-23; Matthew 6:16-18

Monday - Protection - Psalm 91; John 10:1-5; Ephesians 6:10-19; 1 Timothy 6:11-1

Tuesday - Provision - Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 13:8; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Peter 5:1-11

Wednesday - Repentant Heart and Humble Spirit - Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 51:10; James 4:6-8; Ephesians 2:8-10

Thursday - Walk in Love and Fruit of the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13; Galatians 5:22-23; Galatians 6:7-10; Matthew 22:36-40

Friday - Relationships - 1 Timothy 3:1-8; Ephesians 5:22-33; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 22:6, 15; Colossians 3:18-21

Saturday - Vision - Ephesians 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:19-20; Colossians 4:2-6; Philippians 1:6, Philippians 3:12-16; John 17:20-23; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Wisdom

Father God, please give _____ Your wisdom daily in abundance. Help _____ to know the way to go even when the way is not clear. Give _____ discernment to know good from evil and help _____ to apply Your Word to even the most confusing situations. I thank You that _____ trusts in You with all the heart, and discretion watches over, and understanding guards, _____. In Jesus' name, _____ is not wise in _____'s own eyes, acknowledges You, Lord, and You direct _____'s path. Father, please guide _____ in the spiritual discipline of fasting according to Matthew 6:16-18. When _____ is uncertain I thank You that _____ finds clarity and guidance in Your Word. In the mighty name of Jesus, AMEN!

James 1:5, 3:17; Proverbs 2:1-15; Proverbs 3:5-8, 13-23; Matthew 6:16-18

Protection

Father God, I thank You for giving your angels charge over _____, keeping _____ safe and free from all hurt, harm and danger. Please protect _____ from the attacks of Satan: spirit, soul and body. Give _____ the strength to endure temptation and to stand firm against every accusation that Satan brings. Help _____ to stand firm in the assignment to ministry, always fighting the "good fight of faith" in service to Your people. Holy Spirit, thank you for protecting _____ from the deceitfulness of sin, guarding the heart,

keeping the conscience tender and sensitive to Your voice and Your guidance. Let _____ be quick to listen and OBEY Your leadership. Keep _____ close to YOU and close to YOUR WORD, In Jesus' name, AMEN!

Psalm 91; John 10:1-5; Ephesians 6:10-19; 1 Timothy 6:11-12

Provision

Father God, I thank You that _____ knows You to be Jehovah-Jireh (Yahweh Yireh) in personal life as well as in ministry. Thank you for meeting every need: spirit, soul and body, and that _____ owes no man anything except to love him and is a cheerful giver. Thank You for empowering _____ with supernatural strength to effectively "shepherd the sheep" that have been assigned to the ministry. Protect _____ from sickness and disease. Let _____ recognize and know that the Holy Spirit lives inside, quickening the mortal body. I pray that _____ comes to YOU whenever _____ is weary and YOU will give the REST and RESTORATION that is needed, in the mighty name of Jesus, AMEN! You are the provider for _____'s every spiritual, physical, mental, emotional, financial, relational, and all other needs!

Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 13:8; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Peter 5:1-11

Repentant Heart and Humble Spirit

Father God, I pray for _____ to have a clean heart. Thank You for renewing a right spirit within _____. Thank you, Father, that _____ is quick to repent and ask for forgiveness. I thank You, Father, that _____ recognizes that a position in ministry is only because of YOUR grace and that apart from YOU one can do nothing. I pray that _____ is NOT puffed up, arrogant or boastful because all that is done is through Your Divine help and guidance. Father, help _____ to always remember that You resist the proud but You give grace to the humble, in Jesus' name, Amen!

Psalm 139:23-24; Psalm 51:10; James 4:6-8; Ephesians 2:8-10

Walk in Love and the Fruit of the Spirit

Father God, I thank You that _____ loves YOU and Loves PEOPLE with all of the heart, mind, soul and strength. Let ALL that _____ does be done in LOVE. Holy Spirit, help _____ to mature, day by day, displaying the Fruit of the Spirit in every area of life. As _____ sows seeds of LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS and SELF CONTROL in life and ministry, I pray that _____ will not get weary but will reap the fruit of those seeds in abundance. In Jesus' mighty name, AMEN!

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13; Galatians 5:22-23; Galatians 6:7-10; Matthew 22:36-40

Relationships

Father God, I thank you that _____ manages home life well and therefore manages the church home well. I thank you that _____ has a strong, healthy marriage that represents God in this world and that _____'s children are being trained in the way they should go according to the Word of God. I thank You, Father, that _____'s children obey and honor their parents. May You always be the center of _____'s home in every area. Holy Spirit, help _____ to develop healthy, God honoring friendships that support, encourage, and hold _____ accountable to the position in ministry. I thank You that _____ lives a life that brings glory and honor to YOU, in Jesus' mighty name, AMEN!

1 Timothy 3:1-8; Ephesians 5:22-33; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 22:6, 15; Colossians 3:18-21

Vision

Father God, I thank You for giving _____ strength, power and understanding to teach Your Word in a way that drives out religion and encourages Your people to have an intimate, personal relationship with You. Holy Spirit, please give _____ a fresh anointing to go forth in power and might to reach the lost, a Holy boldness to proclaim the Gospel and to diligently work at establishing UNITY in the Body of Christ. Please give _____ the wisdom, strength and determination to stand against any form of racism, unforgiveness, bitterness, offense, jealousy, envy, strife, confusion and all the traps and snares that Satan has bombarded the Body of Christ with for generations. Thank You for giving _____ faith and confidence for the future, knowing that YOUR GRACE is sufficient and that what You have begun, You will complete. In the mighty name of Jesus, IT IS SO!

Ephesians 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:19-20; Colossians 4:2-6; Philippians 1:6, Philippians 3:12-16; John 17:20-23; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10