**Praying For Your Pastor**

*Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong.*

*2 Cor. 13:7*

**1. Pray for his protection from the temptations of the devil.**

**1 Chronicles 21:1** Then Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.

**1 Chronicles 21:7** And God was displeased with this thing, so He struck Israel.

**Luke 22:31-32** “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat;

“But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

**Ephesians 6:12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, Against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**Ephesians 6:18** With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.

**2. Pray for his people. If the devil can’t get him he will work on his family.**

**1 Timothy 3:1-2** It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife.

**1 Timothy 3:4-5** He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity “but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?”

**3. Pray for his preaching. God has chosen that the preaching of His Word be a significant key to your growth.**

**Matthew 3:1** Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching.

**Matthew 4:17** From that time Jesus began to preach.

**Mark 3:14** And He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach.

**1 Corinthians 1:21b** God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

**Colossians 1:25** Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, That I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God.

**Ephesians 6:19** And pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.

**4. Pray for his perception, his wisdom, the ability to make right choices in all situations.**

**1 Peter 5:2** Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; And not for sordid gain, but with eagerness.

**Colossians 1:9-10** 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 may 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.

**5. Pray for his passion. Depression, discouragement and emotional exhaustion are very serious problems.**

**2 Corinthians 11:28-29** Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure upon me of concern for all the churches. Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern?

**2 Corinthians 2:3-4** And this is the very thing I wrote you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from those who ought to make me rejoice; Having confidence in you all, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you with many tears; Not that you should be made sorrowful, but that you might know the love which I have especially for you.

**6. Pray for perseverance and endurance, physically.**

**Romans 15:30-32** Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, To strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, that I may be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, And that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find refreshing rest in your company.

**2 Corinthians 1:8-11** For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, That we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; Indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; Who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, you also joining in helping us through your prayers, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed upon us through the prayers of many.

**7. Pray for his priorities.**

**Acts 6:2-4**

And the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. “But select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. “But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.”

**8. Starting a New Church.**