

A Prayer for Pastors and Their Families

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the men and women You have appointed as Pastors. Thank You for blessing their leadership and wisdom. Thank You for leading, directing and protecting their families. Thank You for our Pastoral Staff, Kirbyjon & Suzette Caldwell, Mark Grafenreed, Ray Bady and Craig Barnett. You are our Good Shepherd, our High Priest. You are a great God and a great King above all gods. You hold in Your hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains. The sea belongs to You, for You made it. Your hands formed the dry land, too. Today, we bow down and worship You. We kneel before You and acknowledge You as our maker. You are our God, and we are the people that You watch over and have taken under Your care. Almighty Father, Your Word says that those who fear You and delight in obeying Your commands will be joyful. You promised that their children will be successful everywhere. We declare that the descendants of our Pastors are mighty on the earth and blessed because they are the generation of Godly people. We declare that the Pastors in the Body of Christ will be wealthy, and their good deeds will last forever. Their peace is great, and their composure is undisturbed. We declare that their families will experience the Kingdom of God here on earth, and people will see their good works and glorify You, our Father in Heaven. We decree that our Pastors obey Your commands; therefore, their families will be blessed in the city and in the fields. They will be blessed when they come in and when they go out. Lord, we expect that You will cause their enemies who rise against them one way to be defeated and flee seven ways. Lord, it is our expectation that You will command Your blessing upon their storehouses and in all that they set their hands to do, and You will bless them in the land. We confess that our Pastors and their families are the head and not the tail; they are above only and not beneath.

Faithful Father, we joyfully lift up the families of our Pastors. Holy Spirit, we ask You to fill their homes with Your gentleness, peace, joy and Godly order. We lift up the marriages of Pastors, and we ask You to bless them psychologically, emotionally and sexually. Bless their children to mature academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. Lord, strengthen and encourage those families who feel overwhelmed by the ministry. Lord, we ask that You protect our Pastors and their families from the onslaughts of the devil and the disrespect of people. Please help them to maintain balance in their public and private lives.

Merciful Father, forgive us for not being steadfast in praying for our Pastors and their families. Forgive those in the Body of Christ for speaking ill against Pastors and rebelling against their teachings. Forgive those who gossip, murmur, complain and whine. Forgive those for rebellion. Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed.)*** Holy Spirit, remind Pastors and their families to forgive each other and other people, and please help them to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Wonderful Father, help all Pastors not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may You be praised forever and ever! Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is Yours. This is Your Kingdom. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text (NKJV & NLT): John 10:11, Hebrews 3:1, Psalm 95:3-7, Psalm 112:1-3, Isaiah 54:13 AMP, Matthew 5:16, Deuteronomy 28:1-8,13, Galatians 5:19-21, Matthew 6:13, I Chronicles 29:10-11

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