Revive Our Hearts™

How to Pray for Your Church

Have you ever wondered where to start when praying for your church? Do the needs feel overwhelming? Use these Scripture-based, targeted prayers to powerfully intercede for your local church and for churches around the world.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Leaders have been given by God as "gifts" to the church (Eph. 4:11–16), to build up believers and to equip God's people to serve Him. It is both a privilege and a responsibility to intercede in prayer for our spiritual leaders and to lift up their hands as they serve the body of Christ. Ask God to:

- Establish your pastors and elders in His Word.
- Meet their spiritual, emotional, and physical needs.
- Show you how to minister to them and their families.
- Help them be faithful in ministering to their own family.
- Provide spiritual protection over their families.
- Help them stay humble, dependent on Christ, and aware of their need for His grace.
- Give them boldness, courage, and perseverance as they stand for righteousness.
- Give His vision for your church, for your pastors to have spiritual sensitivity and insight when encountering the lost, giving counsel, and leading the body.
- Burden leaders for reaching the lost and a vision for revival in the church.

PURITY

Jesus taught, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" (Matt. 5:8). As you consider the purity of the church pray for:

- The church to cultivate mature discernment.
- God to establish your church in sound doctrine.
- The Word of God to be honored as the final authority in your church.

- Those who hold teaching responsibilities to be diligent students of the Word, faithful in teaching preparation, careful in their handling of the Scripture.
- Personal purity in your church, that individuals would develop a love for holiness.
- God to develop an atmosphere of repentance, where individuals are quick to acknowledge and confess sin with the commitment to reconciliation, restitution, or any other redemptive actions which may be needed.
- The members to encourage one another in the pursuit of personal holiness, to excel in personal sanctification which fulfills God's purpose for their lives.
- God to grant His grace for individuals to overcome specific sinful patterns that were part of their lives before coming to Christ. Pray that they would be conformed to His holiness.

PASSION

Christ's church is to be marked by passion. Like the Psalmist we cry out, "God, you are my God; I eagerly seek you" (Psalm 63:1). Pray for believers to love Christ with all their hearts and above all else. Pray that the church would:

- Be characterized by fervent love for others.
- Share God's burden for the lost.
- Have a desire to glorify God by bearing much fruit.
- Share a sense of urgency for advancing God's kingdom.
- Operate from an eternal perspective, recognizing the brevity of life

PERSEVERANCE

The example of Jesus and the hope of the resurrection provide the church with motivation to persevere, even in difficult times. The grace of God empowers the church and its members to endure. Ask God to:

- Raise up prayer warriors who persevere in fervent prayer—individually and corporately.
- Strengthen and prepare your church body to faithfully endure suffering, persecution, and opposition in a manner that glorifies Him.
- Enable the church to be wise to the ways of the enemy and stand firm against his schemes.
- Cause the leadership to be alert to false teachers who attempt to disrupt and deceive the church.
- Fulfill all His purposes through your church body.

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