

PRAYER GUIDE: FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP IN THE NATION

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Pray for God to move on pastors and church leaders to know and walk in the Fear of the Lord.

- a. *We ask that the Spirit of the Lord would rest upon each of them; the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:1-2)*
- b. *We pray that they would be aware and cognizant of Your Presence and Your Kingdom rule. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)*
- c. *We pray that they would make every effort to make their calling and election sure, knowing that they must ultimately answer to You for their choices and their witness. (2 Peter 1:10)*
- d. *May they be free from the fear of man so that they can follow Your voice and Your ways. (Proverbs 29:25)*
- e. *May they acknowledge their need for Your grace, knowing that their works are dead without You. (2 Timothy 1:9)*
- f. *We pray that those whom You have specifically called in this hour would persevere in the midst of trials or setbacks and press on toward the goal to win the prize for which You have called them. (Philippians 3:13-14)*

Pray that those leading the Church would have godly discernment to know what is good and right in the eyes of the Lord.

- a. *May they not judge things according to how the world judges but choose to decide with the eyes and ears of the Spirit. (Isaiah 11:3-4)*
- b. *May they walk in righteousness without stumbling. (Hos 14:9)*
- c. *May they have a renewed mind to be able to test and approve what Your will is – Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)*
- d. *May they distinguish good from evil and practice daily discernment. (Hebrews 5:14)*
- e. *Fix their eyes on what is unseen in order to make sense of what is seen. (2 Corinthians 4:18)*

Pray that integrity and righteous government would be restored to Church leadership.

- a. *Guard those who walk in integrity and may those who walk in unrighteousness be overthrown. (Proverbs 13:6)*
- b. *Thank God for setting the righteous in His presence, enabling them to triumph over their enemies, and overshadow them in their call. (Psalm 41:11-12)*
- c. *Pray that they would give careful thought to their steps and the paths before them. May they keep their feet from evil and may they stick to the road God has marked out for them. (Proverbs 4:25-27)*
- d. *May they be honest in their financial dealings and honoring in their relationships. (Romans 13:7)*
- e. *May they keep a clear conscience so that those who speak maliciously against their good behavior in Christ would be ashamed of their slander. (1 Peter 3:16)*
- f. *May the light of the righteous shine brightly, but the lamp of the wicked be snuffed out. (Proverbs 13:9) In Jesus' name. Amen.*

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