

How to Pray for Pastors Globally

The emphasis of “International Ministry, Bible Schools and Seminaries” has three components. Most people think of the education aspect; however, those in ministry should not be forgotten. As you intercede for the pastoral staff of your own church, remember those people globally who are ministering in a variety of settings.

In this article, the word “pastor” is used to refer to any person in ministry.

As ordinary people, pastors are fallible and must consistently pursue the character God requires of them, as well as faithfully completing the many duties attached to their roles. Knowing that others are praying is an encouragement to the heart of a person who longs to give his or her best to God!

Personal Needs

- **Effective use of time.** There are many tasks to accomplish during a pastor’s workday. Pray that pastors worldwide will use those hours in a way that will accomplish much.
- **Strong relationships** between the pastor, the pastor’s spouse, and their children.
- **Time with family.** Often church activities occur during those times that are generally spent with family members. Ask God to provide other times when pastors can have quality time with their families.
- **Physical and mental strength.** Pastors often work much more than a 40-hour week, studying and preparing sermons, evangelizing, counseling, being available to those who need advice or friendship, attending church meetings and functions, and even working additional jobs. It can be an exhausting life.
- **Opportunities to relax.** Ask God to give global pastors time away from the rigors of ministry to do things that they enjoy.
- **Wisdom.** We often think of this as a spiritual need, and it is. However, pastors have to make decisions for their own families and individual lives for which they need guidance from God.

Spiritual Needs

- For Christ to live through them (Galatians 2:20)
- Faithfulness to spend time reading God’s Word daily (Psalm 119:11)
- An intimate knowledge of God (Philippians 3:10)
- Fear of God—respect and awe for Him (Proverbs 1:7)
- Strength to stand firm for the principles of God’s Word (Ephesians 6:10-11, 13)
- To live according to the Holy Spirit’s direction (Galatians 5:25) and worthy of His calling (Ephesians 4:1) as good servants of Christ (2 Timothy 2:3-4)
- Accuracy as they present the truths of Scripture (2 Timothy 2:15)
- Contentment in ministry (Philippians 4:11-13)

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