

Cross Racial/Cross Cultural Appointment Task Force

Week 2 Celebration of Pastor and Family

Prayer Individual

*Day 1: Prayer to prepare my heart (Gal 6:14)

Holy God allow my shepherd to glory only in the cross. Keep (Pastor's Name) from pride and pity. Let the cross be his/her reason for ministry. May that also be true for my heart, Jesus keep me near the cross there is a precious fountain. Amen.

* Day 2: Prayer for discernment and wisdom (2 Cor. 11:14; 1 John 4:1)

Lord, let (Pastor's Name) have a discerning mind to prioritize the precious minutes in the day. Let my shepherd discern what is most important and be guarded against the tyranny of the urgent. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

*Day 3: Offer Support (1 Peter 3:12, Romans 8:28, 32-34. 37)

I thank you God that your eyes are on my shepherd and pastor, your ears are attentive to his/her prayers, and your face is against those who plot evil against him/her. For I know that in all things you work for the good of (Pastor's Name) who loves you. Will you not give him/her this city for Christ? And who can accuse this pastor who is daily interceded for by Christ Jesus? Therefore, in all things bless (Pastor's Name). Thank you, God,! Praise you! Amen.

*Day 4: Prayer for unity in body of Christ (Ephesians 4:17, 32, 5:1, 2 Cor. 10:3-5)

Forgive those who hurt (Pastor's Name) or speak against him/her. May (Pastor's Name) walk in forgiveness. Guard him/her from futile thinking and vain imagination. Let every thought be taken captive to obey Christ. That we may be made one. Amen.

*Day 5: Prayer for Pastor (and Pastor's Family) (Eph. 1:22; James 4:7-8; 1 Peter 1:16)

Jesus, keep my pastor holy in every way. Protect him/her from seducing spirits, especially when he/she is tired and hard-pressed. Give (Pastor's Name/Family) friend to help protect him/her/them, and to share with in personal holiness. As my pastor draws near to you, draw me to him/her. Cancel the power of sin to have no effect. Amen.

*Day 6: Prayer for Blessings on Congregation (Matt. 4:10; Ps. 23:5-6, 112:7)

Lord Jesus, I know that in the course of pastoring, (Pastor's Name) is thrilled over conversations and changed lives, yet I also realize that he/she hears bad news and sad stories, and ministers to those who are dying. Therefore, keep (Pastor's Name) ever before you face in worship. Let him/her see you and enjoy your presence ever more. Let goodness and mercy follow (Pastor's Name) all the days of his/her life and let (Pastor's Name) cup overflow and bless (Congregation's Name) and our community. Amen.

*Day 7: Praise and thanksgiving to God (Col. 1:3-6; Rev. 4:11)

LORD, I thank you for (Pastor's Name) and for his/her call and gifts. I praise you for sending such a shepherd for my soul! You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor, for you created all things, and by your will they were created. All glory and honor belong to You, and You are worthy of my praise. Amen.

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