

SEEKING THE LORD TOGETHER - Pastor Search Prayer Guide

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH

"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

- Praise God for the finished work of Christ which established the church.
- Praise God for the ongoing work of Christ through the church.
- Praise God that the future of our church is in His hands.
- Give thanks for our current Teaching Team as they instruct, inspire, and challenge us to grow in our relationship with God, live out our faith, and shine His light of love in a world that needs to know Him.

Strength for Current Leadership & Focus in Ministry - *Revelation 2:1–3*

- Pray for strong consistency and focus on the present ministry of our church.
- Pray for great power for our current elders, pastors, and staff.
- Ask for protection from the evil one, and that we would remember we serve Jesus—not a pastor.

Unity, Love & Healing Within the Church - *John 13:34; John 17:21; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Psalm 147*

- Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all in our church.
- May we surrender all bitterness, division, and anger within our church family.
- Pray that we are empowered to love one another with a patient, forgiving love.
- Pray that the Lord would bring healing to those who carry wounds from past experiences, granting grace to release those hurts and walk forward in renewed trust and faith.
- Pray for great unity as we call our new pastor. Pray that we receive him and his family with deep love and renewed commitment.

Faith, Growth & Spiritual Maturity - *Philippians 1:6; John 15:1–8*

- Pray for a deepening faith within every member of our congregation. Wherever we are in our journey, may we be faithfully nurtured and shaped as devoted disciples of Jesus, continuing to grow ever more like Him.
- Pray that we continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during this interim season.

Discernment, Patience & God's Direction - *Hebrews 6:12; Isaiah 42:9; Jeremiah 33*

- Pray that we will patiently await God's timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will.
- Ask God for His mercy in giving us a true man of God and a great leader.
- Pray that all would be receptive to God showing us new things in the congregation and that we would accept His perfect will above our own desires.
- Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer would permeate the church—not only as we seek God's will for a pastor, but also for His vision for our future.

God's Will Above All - *Colossians 3:12–17*

- Above all, pray that God's will would be done through the entire process of finding a new pastor.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will give everyone involved wisdom and peace.
- Pray that God will clearly show us whom He is calling.

PRAYERS FOR OUR FUTURE PASTOR

Wisdom, Knowledge & Calling - *Ephesians 1:15–23; Proverbs 2:2–6*

- Pray for our future pastor to grow in wisdom and knowledge of Christ.
- Pray that he would seek God's wisdom in every area of life and decision-making.

Clarity, Love & Willingness to Follow God's Call - *Philippians 1:3–11*

- Pray that God would give our future pastor a love for our church and strength to leave his current position.
- Pray that God would make His will known clearly to him and his family.

Strength, Protection & Spiritual Endurance - *Romans 12:1–2; Ephesians 6:16; Joshua 1:8–9*

- Pray for our future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their calling to our church.
- Pray for protection from the evil one.
- Pray that the stresses of transition—moving, new relationships, and responsibilities—would not interfere with his ongoing relationship with God.
- Pray that God would give him and his family peace, knowing they are walking in His will.

Faithfulness, Passion & Dependence on God - *Romans 12:9–12; 2 Corinthians 12:9–10*

- Pray that our future pastor would serve with zeal and passion for the Lord.
- Pray for God's strength in his weakness and that he would remain faithful in prayer.
- Pray also for strength and guidance in his current church, that those he is presently serving would trust God's plan in leading him forward.

Vision, Leadership & Ministry Impact - *Amos 4:13; Hebrews 13:17; John 15:9–15*

- Pray that our future pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of Fellowship Alliance Chapel and the surrounding community.
- Pray that many will come to know Jesus through this ministry.
- Pray that he would faithfully shepherd the church, and that our congregation would respond with willing, joyful trust in his leadership.
- Pray that God would bind our church and our future pastor together in love.

Clarity in the Calling Process - *Colossians 1:24–29*

- Pray that when the time comes to extend a call, God will make it unmistakably clear to both the pastor and our church.
- Pray for the one God is calling to shepherd Fellowship Alliance Chapel:
That his heart would be tender to the Spirit, his mind anchored in God's wisdom, and his leadership marked by courage and faithfulness.
- Pray that we would have the grace to follow—even when God's path looks different than our own.

Ephesians 3:20–21

Pray that the power of Christ would be known in and through the church, and that all glory would be given to Him throughout the search process.

PRAYER FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM AND ELDERS

Give thanks for the diverse gifts and perspectives represented by the search team and elders, and for each person's willingness to serve with dedication and sacrifice.

Wisdom, Discernment & Clarity - *Colossians 1:9; James 1:5–6; 1 Corinthians 2:10–16*

- Pray for knowledge of God's will through spiritual wisdom and understanding.
- Pray for clarity and discernment as resumes are reviewed and candidates are considered.
- Ask God to give insight into the unique characteristics most needed in our next pastor.

Spiritual Health & Dependence on God - *Psalms 66:18–19; Ephesians 5:18*

- Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each team member.
- Pray for each member by name: Kyle Gager, Phil Morgan, Jane Beebe, Jeff Bennet, Mike Gladd, Tricia Jones, Rick Kushay, Brooke Morelli

Unity, Humility & Christlike Attitudes - *Philippians 2:1–8; Matthew 18:19; Ephesians 4:2–3*

- Pray for humility, unity, and oneness in spirit within the team.
- Pray for courage to speak truth with gentleness and love—especially in times of disagreement.

Guidance in the Process - *Joshua 1:9; Isaiah 55:8–9; Ephesians 5:17*

- Pray for a strong sense of God's presence and guidance throughout each step of the process.
- Ask for clear direction in how candidates are evaluated and interviews conducted.
- Pray that the team would move neither ahead of God nor behind Him—but faithfully in His timing.

Protection & Spiritual Warfare - *Ephesians 6:10–12*

- Thank God for His victory over the enemy.
- Pray for protection over each team member and their families.
- Ask God to guard against confusion, division, or pressure to rush decisions.
- Pray for a powerful hedge of protection over the entire process.

Discernment & Alignment with God's Choice - *Philippians 2:3–11*

- Ask God to help the team and the elders see beyond personal preferences to clearly discern His chosen leader.
- Pray that they would hear—both individually and collectively—who God is calling.

Encouragement & Support - *1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24*

- Pray for a spirit of encouragement, support, and unity among the team.
- Ask that the church would actively support and uplift them throughout this process.