

Prayer Guide for the Pastor Search

Dear CTK Hope Church Family,

Thank you for taking the time to pick up this prayer guide. We believe this is a time of great importance in our church's history. We have been given the opportunity to seek God's face and ask for His wisdom in determining whom He has called to be the pastor of CTK Hope Church.

We thank you for trusting our leadership. This is a task that we do not take lightly. We know we need supernatural discernment as we journey through this process and are asking you to join us as we pray through this season of preparing for our pastor and his family. James 5:16 states, "The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." With this in mind, we need to be right with God and come to Him with a clean conscience so that our prayers are not hindered.

We are seeking God's will for CTK Hope Church. We covet your prayers during this season of transition and change. For that reason, we ask that you utilize this prayer guide to cover the Pastoral Search Team, the congregation including church staff, and the future pastor of our church. We want to build unity and have clear knowledge of God's will.

Listed below are the names of the Pastor Search Team. We ask that you please pray diligently for everyone on this team. It is our hope that you will involve your children and youth in this prayer process. If our children can understand the power of prayer in their lives now, it will have a profound effect on their lives as adults.

Thank you for praying as we seek wisdom and discernment of God's will.

CTK Hope Church Pastor Search Team

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Prayer Points

Filled with the Spirit Psalm 66:18, John 15:5, Ephesians 5:18— Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each member of the Pastor Search Team. Pray for each of them by name. (listed above) Spirit-led thoroughness is essential.

Knowledge Colossians 1:9—Pray for God to fill the Pastor Search Team with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, and for strength.

UNITY Amos 3:3, Matthew 18:19, Ephesians 4:3— Pray for powerful unity and oneness in spirit within the Pastoral Search Team.

DIRECTION Isaiah 55:8-9 — Pray for God's clear direction in how resumes are examined, and interviews are conducted. Ask God to bring the right person to the attention of the Pastor Search Team.

WISDOM James 1:5-6— Pray for the Pastoral Search Team to have God’s wisdom in all the questions and information they share with the prospective pastor.

DISCERNMENT 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 — Pray for the Pastor Search Team to have wisdom and discernment for the unique characteristics and traits most needed for our church in a pastor.

GOD’S TIMING Ephesians 5:17— Pray for the Pastor Search Team to have no timetable but God’s. They must be determined to find God’s perfect will in God’s perfect time.

PROTECTION Ephesians 6:10-12— Pray for the prevention of Satan’s influence in misleading or rushing the Pastor Search Team (One of Satan’s tactics is deception). Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the Pastor Search Team and their families.

GUIDANCE Proverbs 11:14— Pray for God’s guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church.

GOD’S WILL Philippians 2:3-11 — Pray that the Pastoral Search Team will seek God’s will for the church above their own desires.

SEEK GOD Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8— Pray the pastoral search will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. Pray that the church would be drawn closer to Jesus, to obey Him as the true head of the church.

CLEANSING AND RENEWAL Psalm 66:18, Psalm 139:23-24— Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. Pray for God to remove anything that doesn’t honor Him.

CONSISTENCY AND FOCUS Revelation 2:1-4, Revelation 3:15— Pray for strong consistency and focus on the present ministry of the church. Pray for God to grant great power to our Pastoral Search Team, preachers, and to our staff.

LOVE AND UNITY John 13:34, John 17:21 — Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all members of the church. Pray for help to surrender any bitterness or division within our church family.

GUIDANCE AND STRENGTH Psalm 32:8, Isaiah 41:10— Pray for guidance and strength for the church from which our new pastor comes.

PREPARED FOR GROWTH Ephesians 4:1-6— Pray that we will be prepared to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. Pray for God to prepare us to change and grow with graciousness and unity so we can be the church He has called us to be.

PATIENCE Hebrews 6:12— 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.

HUMILITY Philippians 2:3-11 — Pray that all church members will humbly set aside individual expectations for the new pastor and decide in unity who God has called to lead CTK Hope Church.

PREPARED HEART Isaiah 42:9— Some churches struggle with wanting a pastor who is like their previous pastor. Others desire someone who is just the opposite. Pray that all would be receptive to God doing a new thing in the congregation and accept His perfect will above our own desires.

TRUST Hebrews 13:17— Pray that the church would trust the Pastoral Search Team through the process of finding a new pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the Pastoral Search Team is being led by the Spirit as they search for the man God is bringing to CTK Hope Church and that there would be no division.

BOLDNESS 2 Timothy 4:1-5— Pray that God would increase our next pastor's passion for preaching the Word of God and he would boldly proclaim the truth.

LOVE Philippians 1:3-11— Pray that God would give our next pastor a love for our church and strength to leave his current position. Pray that God would make His will known to him and his family.

FAMILY Colossians 1:9-12— Pray for our next pastor's family. The new pastor may be married or single, may have children or not. Pray that God would strengthen the new pastor and guide his family as they are led toward ministry at CTK Hope Church.

FERVENCY Romans 12:9-13— Pray that God would prepare our new pastor to always have great zeal and passion for serving the Lord in his ministry. Pray for God's strength in his weakness and may he be a faithful servant.

CONFIDENCE Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 6:16— Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our church. He must know God's direction.

GUIDANCE Proverbs 16:9— Pray for God's strength and guidance in the pastor's former church. Pray that those with whom he is currently ministering would trust God's plan for his servant in leading him to a new location of ministry.

VISION Amos 4:13— Pray that the new pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of CTK Hope Church and the surrounding community. Pray that many will become followers of Christ and grow to love God, love others and make disciples through his ministry at CTK Hope Church.

TRANSITION Luke 12:22-31— Pray that the new pastor and his family will be able to smoothly transition to our church. This would include the needs of his wife and children in making new friends. Pray that they will feel they have always been with us.

SYNERGY Psalm 133— Pray that the new pastor would be able to work effectively with the Pastoral Search Team, church staff, and other ministry leaders that are already serving at CTK Hope Church.

RELATIONSHIPS Joshua 1:8-9— Pray that God would protect the new pastor's heart as he prepares to leave his current ministry and move to a new ministry. Pray that the stresses of moving, meeting new people, maintaining relationships, etc. would not interfere with his need to continually develop his relationship with God. Pray that God would give him and his family peace knowing they are in God's will.

GOD'S GLORY Romans 11:36— Above all, pray that God's will would be done, and His name would be glorified through the entire process of finding a new pastor for CTK Hope Church. Pray that God's work would be visible to everyone so that we would continue trusting the One who richly provides.