

A Month of Prayer for our Teaching Pastor Search

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 next teaching pastor of Eternal Church.

As you enter these next days of prayer, the key will be prioritizing your time with the Lord. It doesn't matter what it looks like, when you do it, or where you meet with Him. It just matters that at some point everyday over the next few weeks, you pray.

The goal of our invitation into prayer is for us as a church community to seek God's direction and wisdom in a unified effort. Throughout this plan, you will find that each day will prompt you with daily scripture(s) to meditate on and the words to pray which support a particular theme. Praying over the scriptures as a congregation will keep us focused and unified as we grow individually in our intimacy with Christ. As we pray for the church, our next teaching pastor, and the Elder team, we also encourage you to ask God to clearly reveal His vision and next steps for your life and the ministry He wants to use you in. Through this we hope you will be able to see what He sees, work where He's working, build what He's building and go where He's leading.

Also, can we suggest you team up with your family, community group, small group, or a few friends to join you in this journey? It will be beautiful to experience these days with your brothers and sisters in Christ. It is our hope that those of you who have children will involve them in this prayer process as well. If our children can understand the power of prayer in their lives now, it will have a profound effect on their lives as adults.

Listed within the guide are the names of our Elders. We ask that you please pray diligently for each member. Thank you for praying as we seek wisdom and discernment of God's will.

James 5:16 states, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." 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. Begin your prayer time with praise, gratitude, and confession. God, get us ready to do what only You can do!

-Your Eternal Elders



Daily Prayer Prompts for the Teaching Pastor Search at Eternal Church

Day 1 – 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 Elder Team. Pray this for each elder by name— Rick, Scott, Andrew, Troy, Matthew, Chad, Alex, Kirk, Guy, Steven, Aaron, Jason. Spirit-led thoroughness is essential.

DAY 2 – TRUST Hebrews 13:17— Pray that the church as a whole would trust the Elder Team through the process of finding a new teaching pastor. Pray that the congregation would trust that the Elder Team is being led by the Spirit as they search for the man God is bringing to Eternal and that there would be no division.

Day 3 – Knowledge Colossians 1:9—Pray for God to fill the Elder Team with knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding, and for strength.

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

DAY 5 – 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.

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

DAY 7 – DISCERNMENT 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 — Pray for the Elder Team to have wisdom and discernment for the unique characteristics and traits most needed for our church in a teaching pastor.

DAY 8 – GOD'S WILL Philippians 2:3-11— Pray that the Elder Team will seek God's will for the church above their own desires.

DAY 9 – GUIDANCE Proverbs 11:14— Pray for God's guidance in how the future teaching pastor is presented to the church.

DAY 10 – GOD'S TIMING Ephesians 5:17— Pray for the Elder Team to have no timetable but God's. They must be determined to find God's perfect will in God's perfect time.

DAY 11 – PROTECTION Ephesians 6:10-12— Pray for the prevention of Satan's influence in misleading or rushing the Elder Team (One of Satan's tactics is deception). Pray for a powerful hedge of protection around the Elder Team and their families.



DAY 12 – 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.

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

DAY 14 – 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.

DAY 15 – 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 Elders, pastors, and to our staff.

DAY 16 – 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.

DAY 17 – HUMILITY Philippians 2:3-11— Pray that all church members will humbly set aside individual expectations for the new teaching pastor and decide in unity who God has called to lead Eternal Church.

DAY 18 – GUIDANCE AND STRENGTH Psalm 32:8, Isaiah 41:10— Pray for guidance and strength for the church from which our new teaching pastor comes.

DAY 19 – 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.

DAY 20 – 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.

DAY 21 – LOVE Philippians 1:3-11— Pray that God would give our next teaching 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.

DAY 22 – FAMILY Colossians 1:9-12— Pray for our next pastor’s family. The new teaching 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 Eternal Church.



DAY 23 – FERVENCY Romans 12:9-13— Pray that God would prepare our new teaching 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.

DAY 24 – CONFIDENCE Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 6:16— Pray for the future teaching pastor and his family to have absolute certainty in their sense of call to our church. He must know God's direction.

DAY 25 – 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.

DAY 26 – VISION Amos 4:13— Pray that the new teaching pastor will have a clear vision for how to minister to the people of Eternal 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 Eternal Church.

DAY 27 – TRANSITION Luke 12:22-31— Pray that the new teaching 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.

DAY 28 – SYNERGY Psalm 133— Pray that the new teaching pastor would be able to work effectively with the Elder Team, church staff, and other ministry leaders that are already serving at Eternal.

DAY 29 – 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.

DAY 30 – 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 teaching pastor for Eternal. Pray that God's work would be visible to everyone so that we would continue trusting the One who richly provides.

