

40 DAYS *of* PRAYER

DAY 1: Proverbs 3:5-6 — Pray that our church will wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for our next pastor. Pray for our search team to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.

DAY 2: Revelation 2:1-7 — Pray for our church to return to her first love, Jesus Christ. Pray for our church and search team to hear the Spirit clearly throughout the search.

DAY 3: Ephesians 4:1-6 — Pray for unity and peace in our church during the search. Pray for a strong sense of unity among our search team.

DAY 4: John 15:1-8 — Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father. Pray for our search team to remain close to Christ.

DAY 5: John 15:9-15 — Pray for our church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ.

DAY 6: John 15:16-17 — Pray for a season of fruitful ministry as our church prepares for our next pastor. Pray for our search team to be blessed with answered prayers.

DAY 7: Jeremiah 29:11-13 — Pray for our search team and church to hope in God and seek His will throughout the search process.

DAY 8: Psalm 139:23-24 — Pray that search team members will have pure hearts as they work through the search process and for our future pastor to maintain a pure life before God.

DAY 9: Ephesians 6:10-11 — Pray with the understanding that since this is a spiritual process, spiritual warfare will be present. Pray for God's protection on our search team and church.

DAY 10: 2 Timothy 2:1-2 — Pray for our future pastor and his family to be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray that he will be a faithful disciple-maker.

DAY 11: James 1:5-8 — Pray for our search team to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential candidates. Pray for our church leaders to seek God's wisdom during this transition.

DAY 12: Colossians 1:9-12 — Pray for our future pastor and his family to be certain it is God's will to transition to a new field of ministry. Pray the Father will be glorified in the search process.

DAY 13: Acts 2:41-42 — Pray for our church to reflect a healthy church (worship, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, evangelism, and prayer) both now and when our new pastor comes.

DAY 14: Revelation 3:1-6 — Pray for our church to be filled with life through the Holy Spirit. Pray for our church to be strengthened to carry out the vision God has for her.

DAY 15: John 13:34-35 — Pray for our search team and church to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another. Pray that our church's Christ-like love will be seen by the world.

DAY 16: Ephesians 3:20-21 — Pray the power of Christ would be known in and through our church and that all glory would be given to Him throughout the search process.

DAY 17: Psalm 51:10-12 — Pray for each search team member to stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him. Pray our next pastor keeps a cleansed heart before the Lord.

DAY 18: 2 Timothy 4:1-5 — Pray for our future pastor to faithfully preach God's Word. Pray the Lord gives our church a hunger for God's Word and receptivity to the sermons.

DAY 19: Hebrews 13:17 — Pray for our future pastor to faithfully shepherd our church and for members to willingly and joyfully place themselves under his servant leadership.

DAY 20: Joshua 1:9 — Pray for each search team member to have an overflowing sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the search process.

DAY 21: Proverbs 2:2-6 — Pray for our future pastor to seek God's wisdom in every area of life and decision making. Pray for our search team to be attentive to the Lord's wisdom.

DAY 22: James 4:1-12 — Pray for our members to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His cleansing power in order for revival to come. Pray for our search team to continually submit to God's will.

DAY 23: John 17:20-23 — Pray for our church to be unified so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and the Father will be glorified. Pray our search team will be unified in their decisions.

DAY 24: 2 Timothy 2:15 — Pray for a pastor who is able to rightly divide the Word of God. Pray for our search team as they listen to sermons of potential pastoral candidates.

DAY 25: Jeremiah 33:3 — Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates our church not only as we seek God's will for a pastor, but also as we seek God's vision for our church.

DAY 26: 1 Timothy 3:1-7 — Pray for our next pastor to be a man who exhibits Christ-like character both publicly and privately. Pray for our next pastor's family as they transition to a new work.

DAY 27: Colossians 3:12-17 — Pray our church grows in love toward one another. Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in our church.

DAY 28: Ephesians 1:15-23 — Pray for our future pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ. Pray for our church to look to Christ as the Head of the body.

DAY 29: Revelation 3:14-22 — Pray for our members to fight against lukewarm spirituality, repent of a lukewarm spirituality, and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom work.

DAY 30: Hebrews 10:19-25 — Pray for our church to be committed to biblical worship. Pray for our search team to be confident they are following God's will as they make decisions.

DAY 31: 1 Peter 5:1-4 — Pray that our future pastor shepherds our church in a biblical and Christ-exalting manner. Pray for our future pastor's walk with Christ.

DAY 32: 1 Peter 5:5-7 — Pray for mutual respect and humility between our church and our future pastor. Pray for our church to follow the leadership of our future pastor.

DAY 33: 1 Peter 5:8-9 — Pray for our search team to remain humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership. Pray that our church will stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

DAY 34: Ephesians 5:15-16 — Pray for our search team to make wise use of their time during their meetings. Pray for the Lord to reveal His will to our future pastor.

DAY 35: Isaiah 55:6-9 — Pray that in times of discouragement, our search team and church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is at work in bringing our church and future pastor together.

DAY 36: Colossians 1:24-29 — Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to our next pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to him and our church. Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in our church to make disciples.

DAY 37: 2 Timothy 2:24-26 — Pray for our search team to discern if potential pastoral candidates possess the biblical qualities of a servant of the Lord. Pray for our church to affirm these qualities in our new pastor.

DAY 38: Galatians 6:9 — Pray that our search team will not grow weary in their work and that they and our church will be able to see God's hand at work bringing us and our pastor together.

DAY 39: Philippians 2:1-11 — Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both our search team and our church during the pastor search process.

DAY 40: Matthew 28:18-20 — Pray for our church to be a Great Commission church that makes disciples. Pray that our future pastor will be a Great Commission leader.