

# A 30-Day Prayer Guide for the Pastoral Search

As a family on mission together, we want to focus our hearts on the Lord's will as we search for our next lead pastor. Our mission is to help bring people back to God, and our prayers in this season are vital for our unity and future health.

## Praying for the Man God is Preparing

**August 17: Pray for a Humble Heart** A pastor's greatest strength is often his humility, knowing that all good things come from God alone. He must decrease so Christ may increase. Let's ask the Lord to cultivate a deep sense of dependence in the man He is preparing.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, we pray for the man you are calling to be our pastor. Grant him a humble spirit, free from pride and worldly ambition. May he seek your glory above all else. Amen.

**August 18: Pray for Biblical Conviction** A faithful pastor is a man of the Book. He must be deeply rooted in God's Word, convinced of its truth and power. This conviction will be his foundation for teaching, shepherding, and leading.

*Prayer:* Lord, prepare this man to be a faithful student of your Word. Grant him a deep, unshakeable conviction about the authority and sufficiency of Scripture. Amen.

**August 19: Pray for His Family** A pastor's first ministry is to his own family. His wife and children are his closest partners in ministry. A healthy home life is a testament to his faithfulness.

*Prayer:* God, we pray for this man's family. Strengthen his wife, bless his children, and protect their home. May his family be a source of encouragement and a powerful witness for Christ. Amen.

**August 20: Pray for His Courage** Pastoral ministry requires courage. The courage to speak truth in love, to confront sin, and to stand firm in the face of opposition. A man's courage flows from his trust in God's power.

*Prayer:* Father, give this man an unwavering courage that comes from trusting in you. Strengthen him to be bold in his preaching and faithful in his shepherding. Amen.

**August 21: Pray for a Clear Calling** We trust that the Lord is already at work in this man's heart, stirring in him a desire to serve at Valleypoint. We want a pastor who is not simply looking for a job, but one who knows he is called to this specific flock.

*Prayer:* Lord, make your calling clear to this man. Confirm in his heart that Valleypoint Church is where you want him to serve. Guide him and give him peace as he considers this role. Amen.

**August 22: Pray for His Sanctification** A pastor is not perfect, but he must be growing in holiness. A man who loves Christ will be a man who is actively fighting against sin and pursuing righteousness.

*Prayer:* God, sanctify this man you are preparing. Help him to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. May his life be a reflection of Christ's character. Amen.

**August 23: Pray for His Wisdom** Pastoral ministry is full of complex decisions. A pastor needs wisdom from above to navigate these challenges. We pray that he would be a man who seeks counsel and listens well.

*Prayer:* Lord, give this man supernatural wisdom. Help him to make decisions that honor you and lead our church well. Grant him discernment and a teachable spirit. Amen.

## Praying for the Search Process

**August 24: Pray for the Pastor Team** Our current Pastor Team is leading us through this season of transition. They carry a heavy burden of responsibility. Let's pray for their unity and spiritual health.

*Prayer:* Father, bless our Pastor Team. Give them clarity of mind and unity of heart. Protect their relationships and grant them joy as they serve. Amen.

**August 25: Pray for the Search Committee** The Search Committee is tasked with a great responsibility—to discern God's man. We must pray for their protection from distraction and for a shared vision rooted in God's Word.

*Prayer:* Lord, we lift up the Search Committee to you. Grant them discernment to see your hand at work. Give them unity and focus as they search for the man you have chosen. Amen.

**August 26: Pray for the Church Staff** The Valleypoint staff, including those who serve in our Early Childhood Learning Center, are a vital part of our ministry. Their faithfulness in this season is a great gift to our church. Let's pray for their encouragement and endurance.

*Prayer:* God, we pray for our staff, including those who serve our children and families. Encourage them in their service, strengthen them in their roles, and protect them from burnout. May they be filled with your peace. Amen.

**August 27: Pray for Life Group Leaders** Our Life Group leaders are on the front lines of ministry, caring for and shepherding our flock. They are a source of stability and care for many.

*Prayer:* Lord, bless our Life Group leaders. Equip them to care for their groups and to foster a spirit of prayer and unity in this season. Amen.

**August 28: Pray for the Trustee and Finance Teams** The Trustee and Finance Teams steward the resources of our church. We pray for their wisdom in stewarding the finances and the facility.

*Prayer:* Father, give wisdom to our Trustee and Finance Teams. Help them to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us, and may all their decisions be for your glory. Amen.

**August 29: Pray for Unity in the Body** A divided church cannot move forward. We must pray for a spirit of unity among our members. Let us lay down our own preferences and trust in the Lord's plan for our church.

*Prayer:* Lord, unite our hearts as a church body. Help us to love one another deeply, to be patient with each other, and to be of one mind and spirit as we seek your will. Amen.

**August 30: Pray for Protection from the Enemy** The enemy loves to sow discord and doubt in a church during a transition. Let's be vigilant in prayer, asking for God's protection from spiritual attack.

*Prayer:* Heavenly Father, protect Valleypoint Church from all spiritual attacks. Guard our hearts and minds from doubt, division, and discouragement. Build a wall of protection around us. Amen.

## Praying for His Arrival and Ministry

**August 31: Pray for His Final Decision** As we get closer to the end of the search, we pray for clarity and confirmation for the man God has chosen. May his final decision be rooted in deep prayer and confidence in the Lord.

*Prayer:* Lord, as this man considers our call, give him a clear and unmistakable confirmation. Fill him with a peace that surpasses all understanding and remove all doubt. Amen.

**September 1: Pray for His Transition** Moving a family is a significant undertaking. We pray for a smooth and easy transition for our new pastor and his family, from their current home to ours.

*Prayer:* Father, prepare the way for this man and his family. Provide for their needs, guide their travel, and make their transition to Valleypoint a smooth and joyful one. Amen.

**September 2: Pray for Our First Interactions** Our first interactions will set the tone for the new ministry season. We pray that we would welcome our new pastor with love and grace, and that he would feel at home immediately.

*Prayer:* Lord, prepare our hearts to welcome our new pastor with open arms. Help us to be a loving and supportive family for him and his family. Amen.

**September 3: Pray for His First Sermon** A pastor's first sermon is a significant moment. We pray that the Lord would give him a clear message, a bold voice, and a heart full of your love for his new flock.

*Prayer:* God, as our new pastor prepares to preach, fill him with your Spirit. Give him the words you want him to speak and help us to receive them with open hearts. Amen.

**September 4: Pray for His Ministry to the Flock** Shepherding the flock is a great and demanding task. We pray that our new pastor would love and care for the people of Valleypoint, knowing our joys and sorrows.

*Prayer:* Lord, grant our new pastor a deep love for your people at Valleypoint Church. Help him to know us, to care for us, and to lead us with a shepherd's heart. Amen.

**September 5: Pray for His Personal Ministry** A pastor's ministry goes beyond the pulpit. We pray for his one-on-one interactions, his counsel, and his encouragement of those in need.

*Prayer:* Father, empower our new pastor's personal ministry. Use his words to bring healing, his counsel to bring clarity, and his presence to bring comfort to those who are hurting. Amen.

**September 6: Pray for a Shared Vision** As our new pastor begins his work, we pray that God would knit his heart with the hearts of our leaders and our church family, so we can pursue a shared vision.

*Prayer:* Lord, give us all a shared vision for Valleypoint Church. Help us to lock arms with our new pastor and move forward together in a way that honors you. Amen.

## Praying for Our Mission

**September 7: Pray for Our Community** We pray that our new pastor will be a profound blessing to our community. As he makes Christ known through his life and ministry, we ask that God would use him to bring people back to God. Amen.

**September 8: Pray for Evangelism** Our ultimate goal is to help bring people back to God. We pray for a renewed passion for this mission in our church and that our new pastor would lead us in making Jesus known to our community.

*Prayer:* Lord, ignite in us a love for the lost. Make us bold witnesses and use our church as a tool to bring many people to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**September 9: Pray for New Believers** When people are saved, they need to be discipled and integrated into the life of the church. We pray for a strong ministry to new believers.

*Prayer:* Father, as people come to faith, help us to be a church that is ready and equipped to disciple them. Give our new pastor a heart for new believers. Amen.

**September 10: Pray for Discipleship** We are called to make disciples. A healthy church is a church where people are growing in their faith. We pray that our new pastor would be a faithful teacher and model of discipleship.

*Prayer:* Lord, raise up a culture of discipleship at Valleypoint Church. Use our new pastor to equip the saints for the work of ministry and to help us all grow in our walk with you. Amen.

**September 11: Pray for Church Planting** Church planting is a vital part of the Great Commission. We pray that our new pastor would have a passion for this and that Valleypoint Church would be a sending church.

*Prayer:* God, give our new pastor a vision for church planting. Use Valleypoint Church to train and send out men to plant new churches in our region and beyond for your glory. Amen.

**September 12: Pray for Our Future Elders** As we grow, we will need to raise up new leaders. We pray that our new pastor would have a heart for training and mentoring men for future elder and pastoral roles.

*Prayer:* Lord, we pray that our new pastor would be an effective trainer of men. Raise up godly leaders and elders from within our congregation to serve alongside him. Amen.

**September 13: Pray for Our Global Mission** Valleypoint Church has a global calling. We pray that our new pastor would have a passion for missions and would lead us to be a church that is generous and actively engaged in global ministry.

*Prayer:* Father, give our new pastor a heart for the nations. Use our church to be a blessing to missionaries and to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Amen.

**September 14: Pray for God's Timeline** We do not know the day or hour when our new pastor will arrive. We trust that God is sovereign over all of this. We pray for patience and trust in His perfect timing.

*Prayer:* Lord, we release our expectations of time to you. We trust in your perfect timing and we pray that you would guide every step of this process. Amen.

**September 15: Pray for a Celebration** The day our new pastor is called will be a day of great celebration. We pray that our hearts would be ready to receive him with great joy and excitement.

*Prayer:* Lord, prepare our hearts for the day you bring us our new pastor. Fill us with joy and gratitude for your faithfulness. Amen.