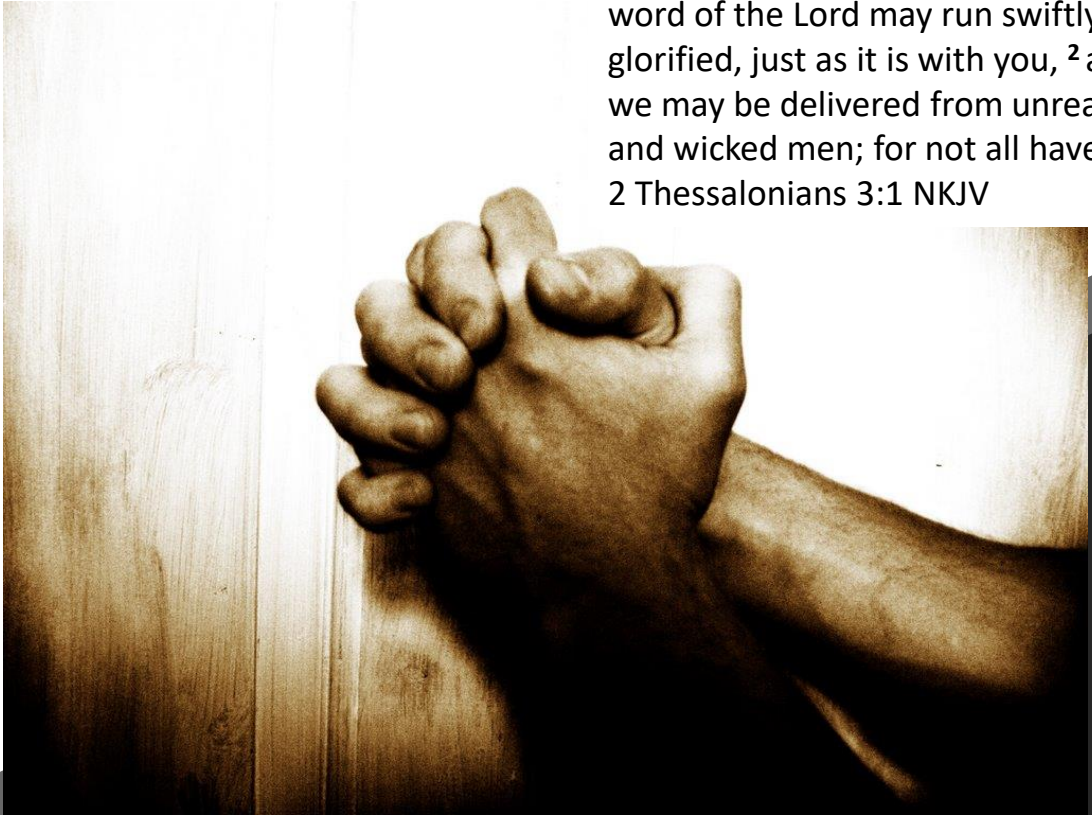


# 7 Days of Praying for Your Pastor



Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, <sup>2</sup> and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 NKJV

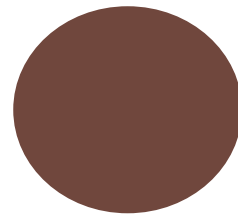


## Why pray for your Pastor?

- Pastors need prayer because they are always targets of the flaming arrows of the evil one. In addition, the world is eager to run them over and make them seem or feel irrelevant or ridiculous or useless.
- Inside, pastors can often feel emptied, exhausted, or powerless to help. People they care about and counsel go ahead and do whatever they want anyway.
- With opposition and difficulty within and without, your pastor needs your prayers - urgently, constantly.
- For seven days, let's do this. And then, let's continue.



- Exodus 17:8-13 Moses was the leader of Israel. When he raised up the rod of God over the battlefield, Israel prevailed. But arms get tired. So Aaron & Hur upheld the arms of Moses, and the nation was victorious.
- Daniel 10:12-14 In a state of spiritual warfare, persistent prayer brought angelic reinforcements.
- Luke 22:31-32 When Satan desired to sift Peter like wheat, prayer ensured that his faith would not fail in the onslaught. Later, in Acts 12, the prayers of the people of God sprung him out of prison.
- We don't know what our Pastor may be facing on any given day. But powerful things happen when we pray.



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## What Happens When we Pray for our Pastor?

# Day 1: Protection



- We are not ignorant of the enemy's devices, but the whole armour of God provides protection
- Pray Ephesians 6:10-18, placing each item of the armour of God on your Pastor
- Pray, proclaiming the protections of Psalm 91
- Pray, giving thanks for the promises of Psalm 121
- Pray, pleading the blood of Jesus Christ, that cleanses us from all sin  
(1 John 1:7)



- Pray for your Pastor to have spiritual insight, available only from God. Insight into:

- God's will
- People's needs
- The word of God
- The ways of the Spirit
- Specific direction for the church

1 Corinthians 2:9-15 NKJV

But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,  
Nor have entered into the heart of man

The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

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## Day 2: Insight



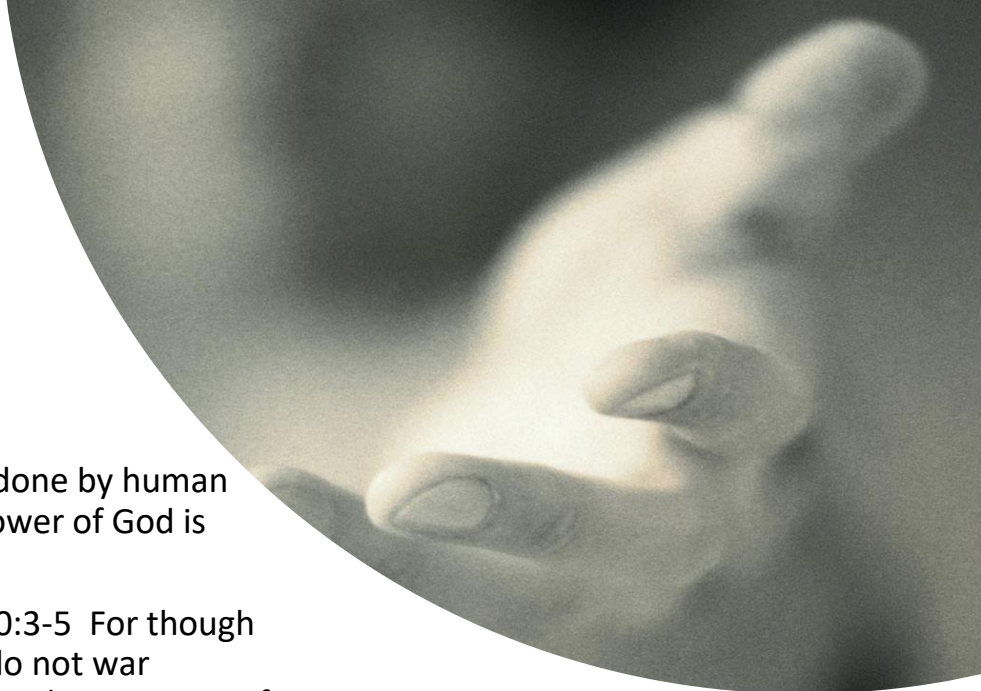
## Day 3: Vision

- God gave Moses a clear vision of what righteous living should be, and of God living right in the midst of His people. The people had to stand between two mountains and choose God's vision for themselves.
- Pray for Pastor to have a clear vision from God and be able to communicate it.
- Pray for us to share enthusiastically in the vision, so we will move toward it, and not be lost in murmuring, or "wander in the wilderness" for years.

# Day 4: Opportunity

- I Corinthians 16:9 For a great and effective door has opened to me, and *there are* many adversaries. Sometimes great doors of opportunity can open up. Pray for your Pastor to see those opportunities.
- Also, with opportunities there are often adversaries. Pray for the work of God to prevail, over all adversaries.
- Acts 18:9-10 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.” God says “ I have much people in this city”
- Pray for your Pastor to find the people that God already has in place to help the work of God go forward. Maybe God will show you that you yourself are of those people.



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- Spiritual work cannot be done by human ability. At all times the power of God is needed.
  - Let's pray 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.
  - Pray for your Pastor to work in the power of the Spirit of God, to pull down strongholds, break barriers, and cast down anything that rises up in society or in the minds of God's people, that would go against the word of God.
  - Pray for your Pastor to have human help, and not be working alone.
  - Pray to be part of that help. Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

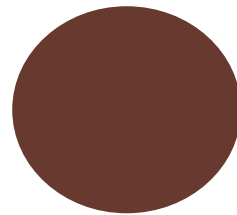
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## Day 5: Help





- Pray for your pastor to have a heart and a life filled with joy!
- Psalm 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11
- Psalm 132:16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
- Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- Nehemiah 8:10 Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”



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## Day 6: Joy

# Day 7: Peace

- Pray that Philippians 4:6-7 would be fulfilled in the life of your Pastor  
Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- Declare Psalm 119:165 on behalf of your Pastor.  
Great peace have those who love Your law,  
And nothing causes them to stumble.

