
Imitate Christ

Father, I thank You for these in Christian leadership (name one or more)...

May their work always be produced by faith, their labor prompted by love, and their endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

Help them to live as imitators of Christ and may they inspire others to do the same. Let Your message ring out from them! May their faith become known not only among those they serve through ministry, but among their families and friends and every life they touch. (1 Thessalonians 1:6-8, 9)

Serve the Living and True God

May they serve You as the living and true God, encouraging, comforting, and urging others to live their lives in a manner worthy of You. May those they serve receive Your Word from them, accepting it not as the word of men but as the Word of God, which is at work in those who believe. (1 Thessalonians 2:12, 13)

May You, the Lord our God, the Lord Almighty, put Your words in their mouths. Whether they turn to the right or the left, may their ears hear a voice behind them, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." May You make them wise and help them lead many to righteousness. (Isaiah 51:16; 30:21; 28:26; Daniel 12:3)

Yearn for God

May they walk in the way of Your laws, and wait for You. May Your name and renown be the desire of their hearts. May their souls yearn for You in the night, and in the morning may their spirits long for You alone. (Isaiah 26:8-9)

Continue with personal prayer.....

Stepping Out in Faith

Father, I am grateful to pray for these who serve as pastors or in another capacity of leadership for You, especially (name one or more)...

Keep them sensitive to Your leading and aware when You are opening a door for them. May they step out in faith and trust. Use them to tell others about the Lord and to spread the Good News of the gospel like sweet perfume wherever they go. (2 Corinthians 2:12, 14-17)

May all who are touched through their ministry and prayers be as letters from Christ, the result of their ministry—written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of their hearts. (2 Corinthians 3:1-3)

Live in the Spirit

Make them competent as ministers of a new covenant—a covenant not of the letter, but of the Spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2 Corinthians 3:6)

May the ministry of the Spirit through them bring righteousness. May they be constantly transformed into Your likeness with ever-increasing glory which comes from You, the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:8, 18)

Lead by Example

Help them to be people of prayer, who teach and lead others by example. May they offer intercession and thanksgiving for everyone, especially those in authority, so that we might live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleasing to You our Savior, who want all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Continue with personal prayer....



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Read the prayers just as they appear:

“Father, may they live as imitators of Christ and inspire others to do the same.” (1 Thessalonians 1:6)

Use the prayers as an outline. Read only a sentence or two, just enough to present a complete thought. Then add your own personal prayer:

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You might add something like—*“Help my pastor to follow Jesus closely.”*

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Enriched in Speaking

Father, I begin my prayer for these who are pastors or other leaders in Christian ministry by acknowledging that You are the One who establishes peace for each of them. (Isaiah 26:12) Hear my prayer for (name one or more)...

Have the Mind and Power of Christ

In Christ may they be enriched in every way—in all their speaking and in all their knowledge. May they not lack any spiritual gift for any kingdom work You set before them. May You keep them strong to the end, for You who have called them into fellowship with Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord are faithful. (1 Corinthians 1:5-9)

May Christ live in and through them as the power of God and the wisdom of God. Don't let them teach only with wise and persuasive words, but with Your power. May they speak in words taught by the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 1:24; 2:4-5, 13, 16)

Servants of Christ

May they be regarded as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with Your secret things. Help them to live so that others will desire to imitate them in their way of life in Jesus Christ. In their lives may the kingdom of God not be a matter of talk—but of power. (1 Corinthians 4:1-2, 16, 17, 20)

Help them to set their minds on things above and not on things of the earth. May they take off the old self and put on the new self day by day. In every way may the peace of Christ rule in their hearts, and may the word of Christ dwell in them richly. (Colossians 3:2; Romans 8:5; Colossians 3:5, 9-10, 15, 16)

Continue with personal prayer....

Clothed with Christ

Father, as I pray for these who serve You as pastors or ministry leaders, I ask that their love for You and others will always be sincere. (Romans 12:9) Hear my prayers for (name one or more).

Help them hate what is evil and cling to what is good; to put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. May they clothe themselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and give no thought to gratifying any sinful desires. (Romans 12:9; 13:12-14)

Wholly Devoted to God

May they be wholly devoted to You and honor those in the body of Christ above themselves. May they never lack zeal, but keep their spiritual fervor. May they be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:10-13)

Help them to bless those who may persecute or criticize them, and not curse them. May they rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn. May they live in harmony with others in the Body of Christ. (Romans 12:14-16)

Live in Peace and Love

Help them not to be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. May they be careful to do what is right, and as far as is possible, may they live at peace with everyone. (Romans 12:16, 17, 18-19)

May they always put their hope in You, our living God. Help them set an example for other believers in speech, life, love, faith, and purity, devoting themselves to the teaching and preaching of Scripture. May they watch their lives and doctrine closely. (1 Timothy 4:10, 12-13, 16)

Continue with personal prayer.....

Sanctified by the Spirit

Father, I come on behalf of these Christian leaders who serve as pastors or in positions of ministry leadership. May the grace of our Lord be poured out on them abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 1:14) This I pray for (name one or more)...

May each one be an offering acceptable to You, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. May they live in order to please You—alert and self-controlled, always joyful, praying without ceasing. (Romans 15:16; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; 5:6, 16-17)

Help them to give thanks in all circumstances. May they neither quench nor grieve the Spirit, but rather fan Him into flame within them. (1 Thessalonians 5:18-19; Ephesians 4:30; 2 Timothy 1:6)

May they glory in Christ Jesus as they serve You. May they not speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through them by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:17-19)

Pursue Righteousness

Help them to flee from sin and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Enable them to fight the good fight of the faith, and take hold of the eternal life to which they are called. May they put their hope in You. Help them to live rich in good deeds, to be generous and willing to share. (1 Timothy 6:11-12, 17-18)

When they are sent to others, may it be in the full measure of the blessing of Christ. May their service be acceptable to You. According to Your will, send them out with joy and refresh them along with those they serve. May You, the God of peace, be with them. (Romans 15:29, 31-33)

Continue with personal prayer.....