

# 40 Ways Over 40 Days

*Your Prayer Guide to Praying for  
Your Pastor and His Family*













## ***Week Three***

Obey your leaders or rulers and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account, so that they can do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are convinced that we have a clear conscience, wanting to conduct ourselves honorably in everything. And I especially urge you to pray that I may be restored to you very soon. (*Hebrews 13:17-19 HCSB*)

### **Day 15**

Strengthen your pastor's ability to be:

- Patient...
- Temperate...
- Hospitable...

### **Day 16**

Strengthen your pastor's family through:

- Regularly scheduled quality family time...
- Good management of family finances...
- Wisdom in dealing with family problems...

### **Day 17**

Strengthen your pastor's ability to:

- Make wise decisions...
- Encourage the timid...
- Display integrity – to live above approach

### **Day 18**

Strengthen your pastor's ability to:

- Be respected...
- Be joyful...
- Be not quarrelsome...

### **Day 19**

Strengthen your pastor's children:

- To develop Godly positive self-images...
- To stay true to their upbringing...
- To bring honor to their parents...

### **Day 20**

Provide your pastor with a church where influential laity are:

- Committed to being an impactful New Testament church...
- Excited about evangelism & discipleship...
- Inspired to use their spiritual gifts...

### **Day 21**

Strengthen the marital relationship of your pastor and his wife:

- Fortify their faith...
  - Cultivate connectivity...
  - Prioritize their marriage, family & ministry...
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**Reflections:**

Spend a few moments and develop a list of other specific items you would like to pray about for your pastor and his family:

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Figure out what you can do personally to recognize and show appreciation for your pastor and his family. A simple card, an invitation to lunch, washing a car, getting an oil change or mowing a lawn make wonderful statements of appreciation.

Also encourage others to download this prayer guide and pray for their pastors.

“If you do not feel like praying, it is probably a good indication that you should start praying immediately.” Billy Graham

“When I am dealing with an all-powerful, all-knowing God, I, as a mere mortal, must offer my petitions not only with persistence, but also with patience.” Ruth Bell Graham

“When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do, and so on. Nor am I disposed to undervalue any of these things in their proper place, but when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do.” *Source: A.C. Dixon, Evangelism, A Biblical Approach, M. Cocoris, Moody, 1984, p. 108.*

## ***Week Four***

Lord, hear my prayer. In Your faithfulness listen to my plea, and in Your righteousness answer me. Do not bring Your servant into judgment for no one alive is righteous in Your sight.  
(*Psalm 143:1-2 HCSB*)

### **Day 22**

Strengthen your pastor's home environment:

- Remove stress, tension & conflict...
- Provide quality health - spiritual, mental & physical...
- Protect from evil and harm...

### **Day 23**

Strengthen your pastor's ability to:

- Communicate his God-given vision...
- Be "salt and light" in the community...
- Focus on his strengths...

### **Day 24**

Strengthen your pastor's ability to:

- Deal with conflict...
- Deal with pain...
- Deal with temper...

### **Day 25**

Strengthen your pastor's children by:

- Removing destructive influences...
- Providing healthy friendships...
- Establishing nourishing influences...

### **Day 26**

Strengthen your pastor's ability to:

- Live in peace...
- Be thankful...
- Demonstrate kindness...

### **Day 27**

Protect your pastor's:

- Character...
- Reputation...
- Integrity...

### **Day 28**

Strengthen your pastor's ability to:

- Maximize the use of his gifts...
  - Wisely use his talents...
  - Know his limitations...
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