

### Pray for Your Pastors

Everything rises and falls on leadership; it is clear why the devil attacks the pastor and his family.  
*Matthew 26:31 (Zechariah 13:7)<sup>1</sup>*

#### Lift Your Pastor’s Hands *Exodus 17:8-13*

1. **Godly leaders can be** \_\_\_\_\_. *Exodus 17:8*
2. **Godly leaders** \_\_\_\_\_ **the battle** \_\_\_\_\_. *Exodus 17:9*
3. **Godly leaders are** \_\_\_\_\_. *Exodus 17:12 / Luke 4:13*
4. **Godly leaders working hand in hand as Prayer Partners** \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Pastor Peter Had a Target on His Back

If there was ever a pastor who had a huge target on his back, it was Pastor Peter, the Apostle, Missionary, and leader of the Jerusalem Church. *Acts 12:1-5*

#### But the Church Was \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 12:5* So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rather Than** \_\_\_\_\_ *Acts 12:6 -7*

**Why Deliverance from Prison?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Had Gathered to Pray** *Acts 12:11-12*

**Don’t Be** \_\_\_\_\_ **When the Thing You Prayed for is** \_\_\_\_\_ **at Your**

*Acts 12:15* When the church prays, the people get the victory.

#### When the People Prayed

- As Zachariah ministered to the Lord in temple, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. *Luke 1:8-10*
- Jesus modeled prayer to His followers and when he asked them to pray for Him. *Matthew 26:36-38*
- In Acts 2 the Church was enabled by the Holy Spirit as they prayed. *Acts 1:14; Acts 2*
- The Church was enabled to speak boldly when they asked in prayer. *Acts 4:23-24; Acts 4:29-31*
- Paul and Silas ushered in the presence of Jesus in prison, resulting in a jail break and salvations! *Acts 16:25*
- The secret weapon is a praying church. *2 Corinthians 1:10-11 ... us in answer to the prayers of many.*

#### Pastor’s Prayer Partners 2021 (See Commitment Card)

- 1) “Pastor’s Prayer Partners”. 2) “Pastor’s Prayer Partner Team”. 3) Wednesday Night Corporate Prayer.
- 4) Tuesday Staff Prayer. 5) Special Events Prayer Tents.

#### Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. Why should a church to pray for it’s leaders and Pastors? Do they have a target on their back? Why?
2. In your own words, explain the story of Aaron and Hur holding up Moses’ hands and what it teaches us. Ex 17.
3. What did the church do in Acts 12:5 when Peter, the Rock, was placed in prison? What was the result?
4. In all of Paul’s trials and persecutions the Lord delivered him. What helped bring that deliverance about?
5. Explain “Pastor’s Prayer Partners”. What role or roles will you play in this endeavor?

Answers: attacked / cannot – win – alone / human / equals – victory / Praying / Peace – Panic / Many – People / Surprised – Knocking – Doo

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Bill Purvis, Pray for Your Pastor, The Secret to Receiving God’s Favor (Xulonpress.com, 2008), pg. 17-24

## Pastor's Prayer Partners 2021

**1) "Pastor's Prayer Partners".** Today I'm inviting you to sign up to be a Pastor's Prayer Partner, but I only want you to do it if you will be seriously committed to it.

You will be committing to pray for your pastors' needs, their families' needs and your church every day.

- You will pray that God will protect your Pastor's physically, morally, mentally, and spiritually.
  - Pastors will update you with specific prayer requests for them and their families.
- You will pray for Believers Church. (more on this next week)

The Pastors will also commit to pray for you daily as well.

- Write on the card two – three specific things that you want God to do for you this year. No one will see these requests except the pastors.
- We will pray for you this year as you are praying for us.

**2) "Pastor's Prayer Partner Team".** (whole church challenge for 2021)

- This team commits to praying for the Pastors and Church daily.
- Every Sunday this team will pray for the Pastors, the ministry teams, the teachers, and the service in general asking the Holy Spirit to move in the lives of the attendees.
- The team will meet and pray 30 minutes prior to the service and/or attend one, serve one and pray during the entire service.

**2) Wednesday Night Corporate Prayer.** On Wednesday nights, Believers will offer a time of corporate prayer in the sanctuary from at least 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. prior to Wednesday Night Life Groups.

- This could be a time for individual prayer, agreement in prayer, general or focused prayer, all with very little structure, as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us in prayer each week.
- All Children's/Student Ministries will be open early at 6:00 p.m. to accommodate prayer.
- (6:30 p.m.) Life Groups / EDGE / BK / Next Steps classes begin.

**4) Tuesday Staff Prayer.** Staff Prayer will continue to be open to the church on Tuesdays at noon.

**5) Special Events Prayer Tents** (EX: Christmas Party, Free Sale, other Outreaches etc.)

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### Pastor's Prayer Partner Commitment Form

Name:

Address:

City/ States / Zip:

Birthdate:

Email:

Cell:

Other Phone:

- I commit to pray for my pastors' needs, their families' needs and my church every day.
- I commit to join a Pastor's Prayer Partner Team in prayer 30 minutes prior to at least two services per month to pray for God to move in the service.
- I commit to attend one, serve one and pray during the entire 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> service once a month.

I would like the Pastor's to pray for me daily concerning these areas in my life.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_