

# CFBC 24Pray –21 Days of Prayer

## **BEGIN WITH WORSHIP, THANKSGIVING, AND CONFESSION**

### **Praise Jesus, for He Is Preexistent**

*John 1:1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

### **Glorify Jesus, for He Is the Creator**

*John 1:3 - All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

### **Praise Jesus, for He Is the True Light**

*John 1:17 - For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.*

### **Exalt the Lord, for He Is the Savior of the World**

*John 4:42 - And they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."*

### **Prepare Yourself Through a Time of Spiritual Cleansing Because Jesus Knows Your Heart**

*John 2:24-25 - But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men, <sup>25</sup> and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.*

## **PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

### **Pray for the Church to Wholeheartedly Trust the Lord While Searching for a Pastor**

*Hebrews 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

### **Pray For the Church to Keep Christ First**

*Matthew 6:33 - But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

### **Ask The Lord to Enable the Church to Maintain Unity and Focus as We Search for the Next Pastor**

*Ephesians 4:3 - Being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

### **Pray for Church Members to Continually Abide in Christ and Produce Much Fruit That Glorifies the Father During This Period**

*John 15:5 - I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

### **Pray for Church Members to Abide in the Love of Christ and Love One Another with the Love of Christ**

*John 15:9 - Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.*

### **Ask the Lord for a Season of Fruitful Ministry as the Church Prepares for Her Next Pastor**

*John 15:16 - You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.*

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**Ask God for the Church to Reflect the Six Elements of a Healthy Church (Worship, Discipleship, Ministry, Fellowship, Evangelism, And Prayer) Both in the Interim Period and When the New Pastor Is Called to Serve**  
*Acts 2:46-47 - Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

**Pray for the Church to Be Filled with Life Through the Holy Spirit**

*Ephesians 5:18 - And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,*

**Pray The Power of Christ Would Be Known in and Through the Church and That All Glory Would Be Given to Him Throughout the Pastor Search Process**

*Ephesians 3:20-21 - Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, <sup>21</sup>to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

**Pray for Church Members to Humble Themselves Before the Lord and Seek His Purification so That Revival May Come**

*James 4:10 - Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.*

**Pray for the Church to Be Unified so That the World Will Be Impacted with the Gospel and the Father Will Be Glorified**

*John 17:20-21 - "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.*

**Pray for Your Church to Grow in Love Toward One Another**

*Colossians 3:14 - Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.*

**Pray for the Church to Be Diligent in Prayer**

*Philippians 4:6-7 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Ask for the Church to Look to Christ as the Head of the Body**

*Colossians 1:18 - He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.*

**Pray That Church Members Would Repent of Any Lukewarm Spirituality and Be Filled with a Zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom Work**

*Revelation 3:15-16 -'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.*

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## **PRAY FOR THE SELECTION OF THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM**

**Ask the Lord to Raise Up Men And Women to Serve on the Pastor Search Team Who Walk Closely with Him, Display the Fruit of the Spirit, and Live Lives Marked by Christlike Integrity, Wisdom, Humility, and Self-Control**

*Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

**Pray That God Will Lead the Church to Nominate Member Who Have a Clear Understanding of the Biblical Qualifications for Pastoral Leadership and Will Be Able to Evaluate Candidates According to Scripture Rather Than Personality, Popularity, Or Preference**

*Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

**Ask God to Lead Us to Nominate Members Who Are Committed to Seeking His Will Through Prayer, Careful Listening to His Direction, and Dependence on His Wisdom Throughout the Process**

*1 Chronicles 16:11 - Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually.*

**Pray That God Would Place Individuals on the Team Who Are Willing to Set Aside Personal Opinions, Preferences, and Agendas in Order to Pursue What Is Best for the Church and Most Honoring to Christ**

*Luke 22:42 - Saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done."*

**Pray for Nominees Who Are Deeply Invested in the Life of the Church, Faithful in Worship, Active in Connect Groups and Ministry, and Committed to the Spiritual Health and Unity of the Congregation**

*Acts 2:42 - They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

**Pray That Those Nominated Will Approach This Assignment with Seriousness, Faithfulness, and a Desire to Steward Well the Trust and Responsibility Given to Them**

*Colossians 3:23 - Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.*

**Ask The Lord to Build a Pastor Search Team That Works Well Together, Listens Respectfully, Communicates Clearly, and Seeks Unity Under the Leadership of the Holy Spirit**

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. <sup>10</sup>For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.*

**Ask God to Raise Up Nominees with Wisdom, Leadership Experience, Good Judgment, and the Ability to Help Guide This Process Faithfully and Effectively**

*Proverbs 2:6 - For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.*

## **PRAY FOR THE FUTURE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM**

**Pray for the Search Team to Trust the Holy Spirit's Leadership**

*Proverbs 3:5 - Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.*

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## **Pray for the Search Team to Remain Humble Before God and That They Will Not Be Anxious, But Trust God's Leadership**

*Psalm 9:10 - And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

## **Pray for the Search Team to Make Wise Use of Their Time During Their Meetings**

*Ephesians 5:15-16 - Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,<sup>16</sup> making the most of your time, because the days are evil.*

## **Pray That in Times of Discouragement, the Search Team Will Seek the Lord Diligently and Have Confidence That He Is at Work Bringing the Church and Future Pastor Together**

*Jeremiah 29:11 – 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'*

## **Pray for the Search Team to Discern if Potential Pastoral Candidates Possess the Biblical Qualities of a Servant of the Lord**

*1 Timothy 3:2 - An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach.*

## **Pray for the Search Team to Not Grow Weary in Their Work**

*Galatians 6:9 - Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.*

## **Pray for Members of the Search Team to Remain Close to Christ**

*Psalm 51:10 - Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

## **Pray for the Search Team to Continually Submit to God's Will**

*James 4:7-8 - Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

## **Pray for the Search Team as They Listen to Sermons of Potential Pastoral Candidates**

*Hebrews 5:14 - But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.*

## **Pray for Each Member of the Search Team to Have an Overwhelming Sense of God's Presence and Guidance as They Work Through the Steps of the Pastor Search Process**

*Psalm 16:11 - You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.*

## **Pray for God to Fill the Committee with Knowledge of His Will Through All Spiritual Wisdom and Understanding, and to Equip Them with Strength**

*Colossians 1:9 - For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,*

## **Ask for Spirit-Led Unity Within the Committee**

*Matthew 18:19 - Again, I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.*

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## **Pray For God's Clear Direction in How Resumes Are Examined and Interviews Are Conducted; Ask God to Bring The Right Person to the Attention of the Committee**

*1 Samuel 16:7 - But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*

## **Pray For the Committee to Have God's Wisdom in the Communication They Have with Each Prospective Pastor**

*1 Corinthians 14:33 - For God is not a God of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.*

## **Ask for the Committee to Have Wisdom and Discernment as to the Unique Pastoral Characteristics and Traits Most Needed for Our Church**

*Proverbs 3:13-14 - How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gains understanding. <sup>14</sup> For her profit is better than the profit of silver and her gain better than fine gold.*

## **Pray for the Committee to Have Patience and Work on God's Timeline**

*Ecclesiastes 7:8 - The end of a matter is better than its beginning; patience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit.*

## **Pray for a Powerful Hedge of Protection Around the Committee and Their Families**

*Ephesians 6:10-12 - Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

## **Pray That There Would Be No Division Among the Committee**

*Psalms 133:1 - Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity!*

## **Pray That the Committee Will Seek God's Will for the Church Above Their Own Desires**

*Matthew 6:10 - Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

## **PRAY FOR THE FUTURE PASTOR**

### **Pray for a Pastor Who Is Able to Rightly Divide the Word of God.**

*2 Timothy 2:15 - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.*

### **Pray for Your Next Pastor to Be a Man Who Exhibits Christ-Like Character Both Publicly and Privately**

*Titus 1:7 - For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain.*

### **Pray for Your Future Pastor to Grow in the Wisdom and Knowledge of Christ**

*Ephesians 1:17 - That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.*

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## **Pray for Your Future Pastor to Seek God's Wisdom in Every Area of Life and Decision Making**

*Proverbs 2:2-3 - Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup> For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding.*

## **Pray That God Would Give Our Next Pastor a Love for Our Church and Strength to Leave His Current Position; Pray That God Would Make His Will Be Known to Him and His Family**

*Ephesians 5:25-27 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.*

## **Pray That God, in His Divine Timing, Will Make His Calling Unmistakably Clear to the Church and Our Future Pastor**

*Romans 12:2 - And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

## **Pray That God Would Prepare Our Next Pastor to Always Have Great Zeal and Passion for Serving the Lord in His Ministry**

*Romans 12:10-13 - Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; <sup>11</sup> not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, <sup>13</sup> contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.*

## **Pray for Your Future Pastor's Family as They Transition to a New Work**

*Numbers 6:24-26 - The LORD bless you, and keep you; <sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance on you and give you peace.'*

## **Pray That the New Pastor Will Have a Clear Vision for How to Minister to Our Church and the Surrounding Community**

*Amos 3:7 - Surely the Lord GOD does nothing Unless He reveals His secret counsel To His servants the prophets.*

## **Pray That Our New Pastor Would Be Able to Work Effectively with the Church Staff, Committees, Deacons, and Others That Are Already Serving**

*Psalms 133:1 - Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity!*

## **Pray That God Would Protect the New Pastor's Heart as He Prepares to Leave His Current Ministry and Move to a New Ministry; Pray That the Stresses of Moving, Meeting New People, Maintaining Relationships, Etc., Would Not Interfere with His Need to Continually Develop His Relationship with God; Pray That God Would Give Him and His Family Peace Knowing They Are in the Will of God**

*Philippians 4:7 - And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

## **Pray That the New Pastor And His Family Will Be Able to Smoothly Transition to Our Church (This Would Include the Needs of His Wife and Children in Making New Friends, Their Physical Needs Such as Housing, Schooling, Etc., That Must Be Settled Upon When Moving to a New Area). Pray That They Will Feel They Have Always Been with Us**

*Luke 12:24 - Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!*

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## PRAY FOR BROTHER CHUCK

### Pray for the Courage and Strength of Your Pastor

*Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

### Praise God for Your Pastor's Leadership and Pray That He Will Make Godly Decisions; Pray That He Will Lead with a Shepherd's Heart and That He Will Always Speak the Truth in Love

*Mark 6:34 - When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.*

### Pray That Your Pastor Will Love God with All His Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength as He Always Has

*Matthew 22:37-38 - And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the great and foremost commandment.*

### Pray for His Personal Walk with God — That His Soul and Spirit Will Be Nourished and Strengthened in His Quiet Time with God

*Psalms 46:10 - "Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

### Pray That He Will Serve the Lord with Gladness and Encourage the Congregation to Worship God with a Joyful, Surrendered Spirit

*Psalms 100:2 - Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.*

### Ask God to Protect Your Pastor from the Evil Plots of Satan

*2 Thessalonians 3:3 - But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.*

### Pray That Your Pastor Will Continue to Be Courageous in Proclaiming Christ from the Pulpit and That He Will Be Confident in the Use of God's Word; Ask God to Help Him Preach with Insight, Transparency, and Humility

*Colossians 1:28 - We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.*

### Pray That Your Pastor Will Use Wise Time Management and That He Will Seek God's Perspective for His Schedule, Guarding His Time Against Unnecessary Interruptions

*Psalms 90:12 - So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.*

### Pray for a Fresh Divine Anointing on Your Pastor's Ministry; Pray That God's Working Will Be Powerfully Evident Both in His Personal Life and the Spiritual Life of the Congregation

*Colossians 2:6 - Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.*

### Pray That Our Pastor Has the Mind of Christ

*1 Corinthians 2:16 - For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

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## **Pray That He Will Strive for Personal Excellence and Will Believe God for All He Wants to Do in the Congregation**

*Colossians 3:23-24 - Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,<sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.*

## **Pray for Your Pastor to Be Renewed with Energy**

*Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*