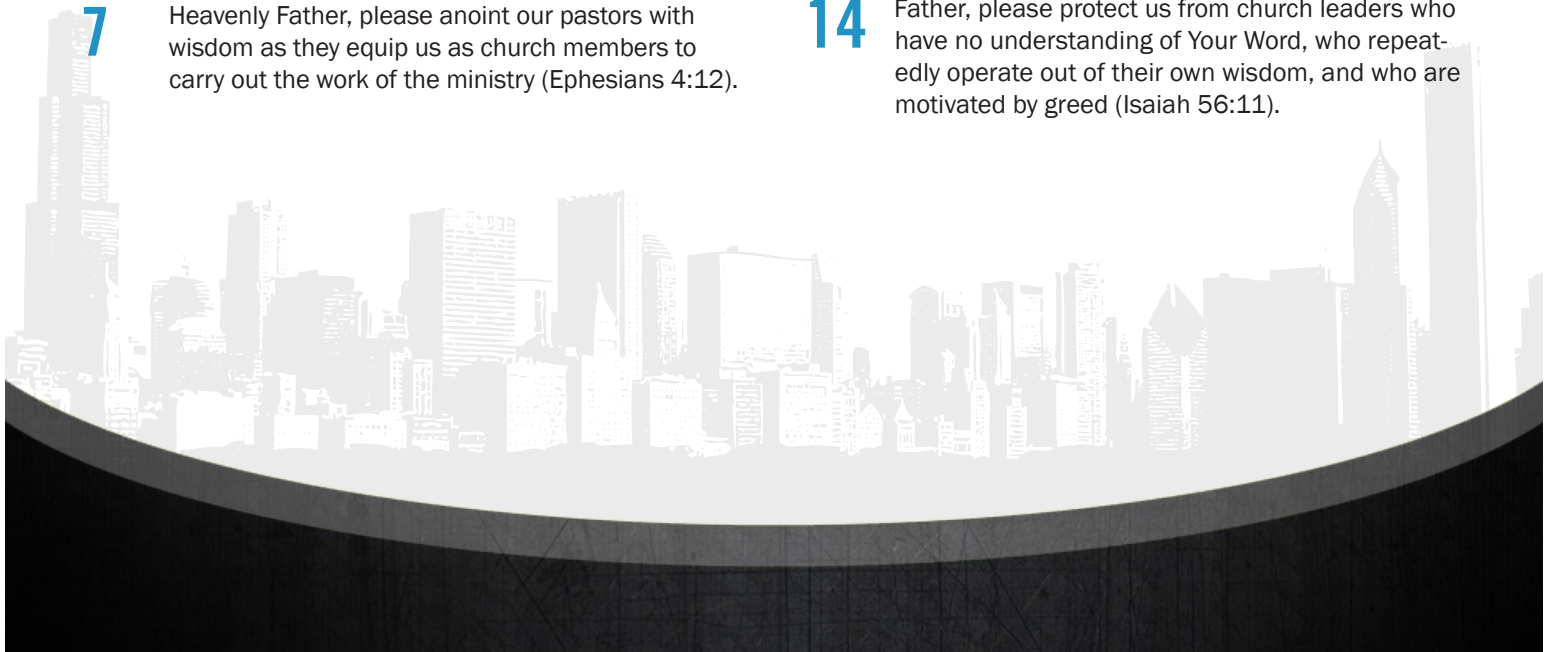


**PRAYING FOR PASTORS, CHURCH LEADERS, AND OTHERS IN AUTHORITY**

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you” (Hebrews 13:17 NASB).

- 1** Heavenly Father, knowing that our pastors and church leaders are accountable to You as they keep watch over our souls, please fill their hearts with joy as we purpose to walk submissively in the Spirit under their leadership (Hebrews 13:17).
- 2** Father, please protect our pastors from the “worldly and empty chatter” of men, delivering them from verbal distractions as they unashamedly and accurately handle the Word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15-16).
- 3** Heavenly Father, please help my church leaders so cling to the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ that in humility they become crucified to the prideful ways of the world (Galatians 6:14).
- 4** Father, please empower my authorities to cleanse their hands, purify their hearts, humble themselves, draw near to You, submit to You, and resist the devil daily as they walk in Your holy presence (James 4:7-10).
- 5** Heavenly Father, please help our pastors carry out their responsibilities not under compulsion but voluntarily, not for sordid gain but with eagerness, and totally according to Your will (1 Peter 5:2).
- 6** Father, please help us not to expect our pastors to do everything at church, but to give them all the time they need as they devote themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4).
- 7** Heavenly Father, please anoint our pastors with wisdom as they equip us as church members to carry out the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:12).
- 8** Father, please work through those You have put in authority over me to help me become an oak of righteousness, a godly person through whom You may be glorified (Isaiah 61:3).
- 9** Heavenly Father, please protect our church leaders from the temptation to just promote programs instead of the godliness and power that come from a genuine relationship with You (2 Timothy 3:5).
- 10** Father, please help the pastors of my city to have the eyes of their hearts enlightened so they will genuinely know the hope of Christ’s calling on their lives and the surpassing greatness of the power He is exercising on their behalf (Ephesians 1:18-19).
- 11** Heavenly Father, please help our church leaders to personally experience the things freely given to us all by You, and then to know how to pass these things on to others through the help of Your Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:12-13).
- 12** Father, please help those who are in positions of authority over us not to run from their responsibilities when the circumstances they are facing become difficult (John 10:12-13).
- 13** Heavenly Father, please place over us pastors and church leaders who will model for us what it means to seek the lost, bring back the scattered, and minister to those who are hurting (Ezekiel 34:4).
- 14** Father, please protect us from church leaders who have no understanding of Your Word, who repeatedly operate out of their own wisdom, and who are motivated by greed (Isaiah 56:11).



- 15** Heavenly Father, please help my church leaders count all things as loss in view of the surpassing value of having a deep, healthy, maturing relationship with You (Philippians 3:8).
- 16** Father, please place authorities over us who will shepherd us according to the integrity of their hearts and who will guide us with skillful hands (Psalm 78:72).
- 17** Heavenly Father, please help our pastors proclaim Jesus, “admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom” so that every person may be presented to You as complete in Christ (Colossians 1:28).
- 18** Father, please give our pastors a holy utterance, the anointing they need in order to boldly make known the mystery of the gospel (Ephesians 6:19).
- 19** Heavenly Father, please protect us from spiritual leaders who, out of selfishness and greed, will end up destroying and scattering our church families (Jeremiah 23:1-2).
- 20** Father, please help my church leaders operate in the power of Christ, always depending on the authority of the shed blood of Jesus as they confront the devil’s schemes and vicious attacks (Luke 10:19).
- 21** Heavenly Father, please allow my spiritual authorities to have such an unmistakable identity with Jesus that everyone living in my community will know that they are walking in a close, personal relationship with You (Matthew 10:40-41).
- 22** Father, please give those who are in authority over me confidence as they minister, realizing that You have chosen them and are maturing them into the likeness of Jesus (Colossians 2:10).
- 23** Heavenly Father, please cover my spiritual leaders with humility by helping them realize that the authority and spiritual gifts they have for ministry have been freely given to them by You (Matthew 10:8).
- 24** Father, just as Jesus felt compassion for the distressed people He encountered in His ministry, please help our authorities feel compassion for the people You have placed under their care (Matthew 9:36).
- 25** Heavenly Father, please help pastors and church leaders prove to be examples to their congregations instead of bossing and lording it over those allotted to their charge (1 Peter 5:3).
- 26** Father, please protect us from being like sheep who have no shepherd. Please raise up over us godly pastors who will lead us to walk according to Your will and ways (Numbers 27:16-17).
- 27** Heavenly Father, please deliver us from pastors who are walking in sin, who are speaking by some authority other than that which comes from You, and who are pursuing those things that are not spiritually profitable for our community (Jeremiah 2:8).
- 28** Father, please place over us pastors who habitually trust Your Spirit to give them exactly what they are to speak (Matthew 10:19-20).
- 29** Heavenly Father, as we seek revival, please deliver us from spiritual authorities who know nothing of Your ways, who are blind to the things of the Spirit, who do not care enough to warn us of evil, and who are basically lazy (Isaiah 56:10).
- 30** Father, please place over the church families of my community authorities who have a wholehearted commitment to You and who are willing to surrender everything in following You (Matthew 10:37-39).
- 31** Heavenly Father, please continue to reveal Yourself to our pastors and to let none of their words fail as they speak on Your behalf (1 Samuel 3:19, 21).