

The verse above highlights the humanity of the minister of the gospel. Beyond their conscience and efforts, they still need our prayers. When a minister begins to falter or engage in wrongdoing, it often signals a lack of prayer support. This extends to our attitude in praying for them—our posture in prayer reflects how much we value and honor them. If you truly value and honor your pastor, one of the most impactful ways to demonstrate it is by praying for them.

**Ephesians 6:18**  
*16 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

If you pray for your Pastor and ministers of the gospel, things will go well with you. Your life will be smooth and aligned. You pray for them that they have utterances and boldness.

**Colossians 4:2-3**  
*Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; 3 withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:*

We have a responsibility according to scriptures to pray for Pastors. Praying for your Pastor is multi-dimensional because as you are praying for them, you are also praying for your life. Never have the assumption that Pastors don’t need to be prayed for. If you want to fulfill God's plan for your life, you want to understand God's word clearly, pray for your Pastor. Everything around your life revolves around your Pastor.

**“So, pray for your Pastor”**  
*That is why Paul said, “Pray for us”. Pray for us is a very vital instruction in the scripture.*

- ☐ *Pray that they are delivered for wicked and unreasonable men*
- ☐ *Pray for their businesses*
- ☐ *Pray for their health.*
- ☐ *Pray for their natural life*
- ☐ *Pray for their finances*
- ☐ *Pray that all is well with them*
- ☐ *Pray for their relationship, supernatural relationship, natural relationship, marriage, family life, and children*

Pray for your Pastor, they need your prayer to carry out the assignment. These men hold the keys to your lives, the keys to nations, the keys to the prophecies hanging over your life, hold the keys to several things that God will have you do. Make it a commitment today to always pray for your Pastor because when God wants to do something on this earth, he uses men, mortal men like you, and many times, those men are leaders.

**So, Pray for your Pastor!**

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# What is God's method on Earth?

When God wants to accomplish something for people, He often raises someone to fulfill that purpose. God uses individuals, and those He chooses are not without their weaknesses, struggles, or flaws but they are strengthened by His grace. Throughout the scriptures, we see examples of this, such as Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and even our Lord Jesus Christ, who walked as a man. The ministry of the apostles further attests to this, with Peter, James, John, and the others who were men, just like us. In His infinite wisdom, God has also established the local church  
Let’s see **Acts 2:42 -47**

**42** And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. **43** And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. **44** And all that believed were together, and had all things common; **45** and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. **46** And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, **47** praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

In the local church, God ordained Pastors and set them over our lives. So that means a man like you is given a responsibility and a gift to carry out. Via that Pastor, His will on earth will be accomplished. Via that Pastor, his purpose will be accomplished in our lives. Pastors are God's representatives for our lives.

“A man who doesn't have a pastor is a man who is missing it.”  
**Jeremiah 3:15**  
and I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Who will feed you with knowledge and Understanding? A man! A man like you, who God has put his grace on, will feed you with knowledge and understanding.  
**Ephesians 1:16-23**  
cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; **17** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **18** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, **19** and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, **20** which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and everyname that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: **22** and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

For this Pauline prayer to be answered, God will use a man. It will be answered if you go and sit down and hear a man and that man is your pastor. This is the reason for the local church and every man needs a local church.

**Acts 20:28**  
Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

The holy ghost has made Pastors overseers to feed the Church of God, which he has possessed with his own blood.  
**Hebrews 13:17**  
Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.  
The lives of men are tied to the Pastor’s life.

**WHY DO YOU PRAY FOR PASTORS?**  
Pastors often endure constant and severe attacks from the enemy. The devil is subtle, approaching in various ways. The attacks may come through challenges in their studies, marriage, family, business, or health. Pastors, however, cannot easily speak on the pulpit about their struggles, they must often bear these burdens privately, as they are expected to set an example. When Satan seeks to harm the flock, he begins by targeting the shepherd, knowing that if he strikes the shepherd, the sheep are more vulnerable. That is why the writer of Hebrews says, we should pray.  
**Hebrews 13:18**  
Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.  
We ought to pray for our Pastors.

**1 Thessalonians 5:24-25**  
Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. **25** Brethren, pray for us.  
**1 Thessalonians 2:4**  
but as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.  
Paul said in the verse above “We were allowed of God, to be put in trust with the gospel.” Therefore, every man of God you see has been entrusted by God with the gospel. Each one desires to serve faithfully and do what is right. However, it can be challenging, as they have their own emotions, battles, and personal struggles to contend with. As Paul reminds us, the focus should be on pleasing God, not men.

**HERE ARE THE REASON WE PRAY FOR PASTORS**  
1. We pray so God will keep their heart and they will be sincere and true to the service of God. So they do not please men but God.  
**1 Thessalonians 5:17-18**  
But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire. **18** Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

2. We pray so that our pastors are not hindered by demonic forces.  
**1 Thessalonians 3:1-4**  
Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; **2** and sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:

**3** that no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. **4** For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.  
  
In the verse above Paul was referring to their sufferings and tribulations.

3. Another reason we should pray for our Pastors is so that they are strengthened to endure persecution for the sake of the ministry.  
**2 Thessalonians 3:1-2**  
Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: **2** and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

The word "**finally**" here doesn't mean the end but rather "**from this point forward.**" The phrase "free course" refers to the rapid and unhindered spread of the message. Paul instructs us to pray that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and without obstruction. If we don’t pray, the message may be hindered and unable to spread freely. This highlights the importance of your prayers in determining how many will receive the Gospel. When we pray for the message, we also pray for the messenger. We must recognize that ministers of the gospel are vulnerable and often exposed to wicked and unreasonable people. While it’s essential for the minister of the gospel to have a strong personal prayer life, they must not depend solely on the prayers of others. However, it’s equally true that if people don’t pray for the minister, something may go wrong. Paul, despite his active prayer life, still asked for prayer, saying, "Pray for us." This shows that even though pastors pray for themselves, the prayers of others are crucial. Without them, they remain vulnerable to wicked and unreasonable people. For the word of God to have a free flow, the messenger has to be alive to preach it so that it will run.

**Romans 15:30**  
Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; **31** that I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judæa; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints;

I beseech you there means I beg you. So if you want the ministry of your pastor to be accepted, what will you do? You Pray. It means that it is our prayer that will make God's will come to pass.  
**Act 12:5**  
Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

From the verse above, we see how the Church prayed for Peter. If the church never prayed for Peter, there is a possibility there would not be 1st and 2nd Peter. As far as someone is in the leadership position, the devil does not like the person. So praying for the people that preach the gospel is as important as praying for the message. That shows that prayer does something to what we have in Christ and who we are in Christ. You have to learn to cultivate the habit of praying for ministers of the gospel, leaders, and Pastors in your own personal prayer life.

**Hebrews 13:18**  
Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly