

PRAYER GUIDE

PRAYING FOR CHURCH LEADERS

Article from Prayer Guide For Your Church and Pastors

By Dr. Richard J. Krejcir

"The best way to build your church and to encourage your church leaders is to be involved and pray for them constantly and continually! Pastors and church leaders face many opportunities and challenges each day. They balance the stresses of ministry while they are researching and writing sermons, managing the affairs of the church, going to meetings and counseling others significant problems. They wear many hats as the pastor, counselor, teacher, manager, organizer, visionary, and administrator all rolled into one. As well as dealing with the stresses of modern life with their family all under personal attack and usually doing life with lower salary and sometimes ungrateful people who expect them to be perfect. They need your help, they need your prayers!

When we commit ourselves to pray for our pastors and church leaders, we will have no need to bicker, gossip, slander, withdraw, place blame, or seek to usurp our will as God's (Romans 8:28, 33-34, 37-39). For our confidence is placed in Christ as our Sovereign Shepherd and He is in complete control of our church and staff, we are in His Hands as this is His Church!

Our pastors and leaders are here to serve, but they need our prayers and support to make this work. When we pray and come together, we will have no need to fear or stress or remain in our hurts. We can come together triumphantly as a caring, loving community powerfully for His glory impacting our community. (Isaiah 6:1-12; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Peter 3:12).

For us to grow not just numerically, but in what is much more important, spiritually and in community to one another, this requires our discipline and passion to pursue Christ more and ourselves less. We have to grow in a cherished, intimate, and growing relationship with Christ as Lord over all. Our trust must be rooted in Him and not in our personal ideas or distractions (1 Chronicles 16:11; John 3:30; Ephesians 6:16; Colossians 2:6-8)"

PRAYING FOR OUR PASTORS & STAFF



Dr. Mike Powers

Vision and Preaching Pastor

Responsible for Preaching, Vision Casting, Leading Directional Team, Determining and driving all aspects of the worship service.

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Pray for Mike and his wife, Candi, along with their three children, Lilly, Zeke, and Kate.

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Tony Donato

Executive Pastor

Responsible for Operational and Administrative aspects of the church.



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Mark Celoria

Worship Pastor

Provides oversight for all aspects of Worship and Production (AVL) Ministries for the church.

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Pray for Mark and his wife, Tangie, along with their two children, Abigail and Isabelle.

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Nathan Brown

Discipleship Pastor

Responsible for all Discipleship including Children, Students, Adult Life Groups, Adult Ministries, and Equipping.



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Pray for Nathan and his wife, Kali.

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John Wright

Operations Pastor

Responsible for Communications, Finances, Human Resources, IT, Security, Front Office, and Facilities.

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Jason Hall

Adult Life Group Pastor

Responsible for all Adult Life Groups,
Special Needs, Legacy Builders,
Intersect, Young Pros, Military,
International, and Hispanic.



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two children, Jonathan and Wyatt.*

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Mike Dowd

Children's Pastor

Responsible for Preschool, Elementary,
and Weekday Preschool at the Creek.

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three children, Sadie, Mia, and Ella.*

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Stephen Moyer

Student Pastor

Responsible for Middle School,
High School, and College.



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four children, Hope, Hannah, Luke, and Sarah.*

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Cameron Wagner

Member Care Pastor

Responsible for 1st Time Guest follow-up, 1st Impressions, Decision Counseling, Member/Visitor Database, and Connections.

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John Nyota

Associate Connections Pastor

Responsible for Virtual, Member Connections, and Assimilation.



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David Satterwhite

Lay Pastor

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Children's Ministry

Nursery and Pre-K Director



Heather Tomberlin
Nursery Director



Kimberly Brown
Pre-K Director

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Being a Godly Spouse and Parent:

Ephesians 5:22-27

"Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 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.

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Ephesians 4:11-13

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Children's Ministry

Preschool at the Creek and PATC Assistant

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Devotion to the Word and Prayer:

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HS Assistant Director

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Christy Crowder
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Preschool through Adults

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Special Needs Director



Tonya Guerrino
Special Needs Ministry Assistant

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Adult Ministry

Seniors Ministry & Hispanic Ministry



Jamie O'Brien
Legacy Builders Director
(Seniors Ministry)



Ricardo Sanchez
Hispanic Ministry Director

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Intersect

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Joe Tomberlin
Motorcycle Ministry
Richland Creek Riders

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Worship Ministry

Worship Director and Assistant



Karla Kassebaum
Worship Director



Jordan Harrison
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Caleb Martens
AVL Director



Caleb Hayes
Production Assistant and
General AVL/IT

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Communications Team

Director, Graphic Design/Publications, and Digital Communications

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Chris Harris
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Executive Assistant for
Pastor Mike Powers &
Pastor Tony Donato



Nicholas Dawson

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Facilities & Campus Security Team

Facilities Director and Staff; Security Director



Chuck Bounds
Facilities Director

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Joe Chandler



Jeannine Moore

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(INSERT THEIR NAME BELOW)

EPHESIANS 3:15-20

Father, I pray

- that from Your glorious riches You will strengthen _____ with power through Your Spirit in their inner being,
- that Christ may dwell in _____'s heart through faith,
- that _____ will be rooted and established in love,
- that _____ may have power, with all the saints, to grasp how wide and how long and high and deep is the love of Christ,
- that _____ will know this love that surpasses knowledge,
- that _____ will be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

I give You all the glory, for You are able to do immeasurably more than all I ask or imagine, according to Your power that is working within us.

COLOSSIANS 1:9-12

Father, I pray

- that You will fill _____ with the knowledge of Your will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
- that _____ may live a life worthy of You, Lord,
- that _____ may please You in every way,
- that _____ will bear fruit in every good work,
- that _____ will be strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might,
- that _____ may have great endurance and patience,
- that _____ will joyfully give thanks to You, Father, who has qualified them to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Today by Your Spirit make real all their inheritance in Christ Jesus.

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Genesis 50:19	May our Pastors & Staff know that You are at work for good
Exodus 14:14	Remind our Pastors & Staff that You fight their battles
Deuteronomy 6:5	May our Pastors & Staff love You with all their hearts
2 Sam. 22:20	May our Pastors & Staff know You and delight in You
2 Chronicles 7:14	May our Pastors & Staff experience personal revival
Micah 6:8	May our Pastors & Staff walk humbly before You, God
Psalms 91	Lord, You are a shelter for our Pastors & Staff, protect them
Proverbs 1:7	May our Pastors & Staff seek You as the source of their knowledge
Proverbs 3:5-6	May our Pastors & Staff trust in You and not themselves
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Proverbs 29:18	May our Pastors & Staff hear from You through Your Word
Isaiah 52:7	Thank You for the beautiful feet of those who preach good news
Matthew 19:6	Place a hedge of protection around our staff marriages
Mark 1:35	May our Pastors & Staff be devoted to prayer
Luke 9:23-24	Grow in our church staff hearts of obedience to Your will

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Romans 14:19	Give our church family unity, starting with our Pastors & Staff
I Corinthians 2:16	Give our Pastors & Staff the mind of Christ
Galatians 1:10	May their identity be found in Christ alone
Ephesians 5:25	We lift up their marriages to You to be centered on Your Word
Ephesians 6:4	We pray for our Pastors & Staff that their family be strengthened
Ephesians 6:10	Pray our Pastors put on Your armor and protect them from the evil one
Colossians 1:28	Give our Pastors boldness to preach the Word without compromise
Colossians 3:23	May our church staff work as unto You
Philippians 1:9-11	May our Pastors & Staff love abound more and more
Philippians 4:19	May our church staff trust You for their every need
I Timothy 1:5	May our Pastors & Staff serve from a pure heart
2 Timothy 2:15-16	Pray for our Pastors to accurately handle Your Word
James 1:5	When our Pastors need wisdom, may they go to You
I Peter 5:2	Continue to give our Pastors a shepherds heart and guide them
Revelation 3:16	May the faith of our Pastors never become lukewarm

Thank You

We praise the Lord for all those who contributed to make this prayer guide possible. We are so grateful for the faithful servants who have dedicated their time and talents to this prayer guide.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

But we ask you, brothers and sisters, to recognize those who diligently labor among you and are in leadership over you in the Lord, and give you instruction, and that you regard them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.