



## **Ways to Pray for the Search Transition Prayers**

### **Please pray for the congregation:**

- That we would demonstrate love for each other
- A spirit of peace, cooperation and patience in the midst of the process
- Understanding and love for leaders and staff
- A positive, hopeful and encouraging attitude
- To look to Christ Jesus for the source of security in the midst of uncertainty
- That we would all fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith
- Grace for the imperfections of the process.
- To continually seek God's wisdom, blessing and direction for the future of the church
- For spiritual protection
- Unity for congregation, including staff and Elders during the coming months
- Growth in trust, confidence and unity within the congregation, staff and leadership
- To trust the Elders and God's wisdom to empower their leadership
- Personal openness to a new leader
- That God's perfect love would cast out all fear from the transition and the process
- A fresh perspective on church ministries and a refreshed vision for the future of the church
- Slow to speak during times of frustration
- To release selfish desires and to cooperatively submit to God's purposes
- Openness to support and care for staff and Elders during the transition
- Focus on the certainty of Scripture and prayer during these times that feel uncertain
- To maintain a prayerful, expectant and Christ-centered heart
- To listen to others
- Bind us together
- That we would trust in the Lord with all our heart and not rely on our human experience or understanding, but that we would consistently acknowledge Him and trust Him to lead us in the way we should go
- Release of the outcomes to God
- Financial stability and blessing for the church
- For physical, spiritual and emotional health during the transition

### **Please pray for the staff of the church:**

- Growth in trust, confidence and unity within the staff team
- Love for the church and the people
- Physical, spiritual and emotional health during the transition
- For spiritual protection
- Positive communication and relationship between Staff and Elders and congregation

- Strength, perseverance and energy
- Slow to speak during times of frustration
- Encouragement during the season of transition
- To look to Christ Jesus for the source of security in the midst of uncertainty
- Grace for the imperfections of the process
- That God's perfect love would cast out all fear from the transition and the process
- Personal openness to the new leader
- Support for fellow staff members
- That we would all fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith
- A heart that is willing to embrace a new perspective and a fresh vision
- Focus on the certainty of Scripture and prayer during these times that feel uncertain
- To serve as unto the Lord
- Understanding and encouragement in the face of workplace challenges
- Rest and rejuvenation in the midst of added responsibilities and stress
- Release of the outcomes to God
- To engage fully in the work of this ministry
- That we would trust in the Lord with all our heart and not rely on our human experience or understanding, but that we would consistently acknowledge Him and trust Him to lead us in the way we should go
- For peace and understanding when confronted by individuals who may be feeling unsettled by the change
- To ask for help when needed and an increase in mutual support and encouragement within the team

**Please pray for the Church Elders/Board:**

- For the wisdom to seek God every step of the way
- For love for each other and for the church
- Clarity and confidence in God's leading
- Mutual respect, support and positive communication
- That we would all fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith
- For transparent, inclusive decision-making
- Slow to speak during times of frustration
- Improved communication among staff and throughout the congregation
- Clear direction for the future
- That God's perfect love would cast out all fear from the transition and the process
- Openness, availability and transparency with the people
- Clear direction for the future
- Uncluttered thinking
- Strength, energy and encouragement
- To serve as unto the Lord
- Wisdom and discernment in the call of the new pastor
- Unity and reliance on God's Word
- That we would trust in the Lord with all our heart and not rely on our human experience or understanding, but that we would consistently acknowledge Him and trust Him to lead us in the way we should go
- That they would remain prayerful and submissive to God's leading in decision-making
- Wisdom to hear and obey God's voice
- For individual spiritual care – taking time to care for their personal spiritual growth in the midst of busy lives
- That the Elders hold onto the hope and faith that God is moving and will provide the pastor the church needs

- Pray for wisdom and discernment as decisions are made that impact the congregation and the community around it.

**Please pray for the next Pastor:**

- That God would go ahead of us in the process to make the path clear to our next called pastor
- That God would stir his heart and mind to respond to the opportunity when contacted
- That God would be at work even now preparing him to lead our congregation
- That God would make the decision clear
- That he would walk in obedience and faithfulness to God's leading
- That he would fix his eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith
- That his family would be prepared to move to our community
- That God would help the family to agree with and cooperate with the call to this ministry
- That God's perfect love would cast out all fear from the transition
- That their current congregation would willingly send him to us
- That he and his family would experience a warm welcome from us when they come to meet us
- That he and his family would fall in love with our people and our church
- That his call to this church would be confirmed
- That their home would sell and the details of relocation would come together seamlessly
- For good health
- For an open heart, mind, eyes and ears to see and hear God's call
- For a wise and discerning heart
- Encouragement
- Support and affirmation
- Reliance on God's Word
- A prayerful and humble outlook regarding the opportunity to lead our church
- Clear and uncluttered thinking
- Physical, emotional and spiritual health for him and his family
- New friends for his children and spouse
- Sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading
- That he would trust in the Lord with all his heart and not rely on his human experience or understanding, but that he would consistently acknowledge Him and trust Him to lead in the way he should go

**Please pray for our search consultants:**

- That God will inspire and direct the formation of the Candidate Profile
- That the Holy Spirit will guide the process
- For wisdom for each day
- That we would all fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith
- Trust that God will superintend each step in the process
- God's holy protection over the church during this season of transition
- Guide them into the right conversations on behalf of the church
- That God's perfect love would cast out all fear from the transition and the process
- God would make His choice apparent to all, including the candidate
- That we would trust in the Lord with all our heart and not rely on our human experience or understanding, but that we would consistently acknowledge Him and trust Him to lead us in the way we should go
- Pray for faith – growing, vibrant, God-pleasing faith