



Associate Pastor Search Prayer Guide

All members are encouraged to pray through this guide until God unmistakably provides the church with the person He has chosen to lead His people.

Day 1 Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for an associate pastor. Pray for the search committee to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.

Day 2 Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to return to her first love, Jesus Christ. Pray for the church and search committee to hear the Spirit clearly throughout the search process.

Day 3 Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for an associate pastor. Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search committee as they review and discuss potential candidates.

Day 4 Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

Prayer Prompts: Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during this process. Pray for members of the search committee to remain close to Christ.

Day 5 Scripture Reading: John 15:9-15

Prayer Prompts: Pray for church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ. Pray for God to bond the church and future associate pastor together in love.

Day 6 Scripture Reading: John 15:16-17

Prayer Prompts: Pray for a season of fruitful ministry as the church prepares for the associate pastor. Pray for the search committee to be blessed with answered prayers.

Day 7 Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee and the church to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that He is in control of the church's future.

Day 8 Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:23-24

Prayer Prompts: Pray for members of the search committee to have hearts that are pure as they work through the search process. Pray for your future associate pastor to maintain a pure life before God.

Day 9 Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-11

Prayer Prompts: Pray with the understanding that searching for an associate pastor is primarily a spiritual process, so spiritual warfare will be present. Pray for God's protection on the search committee and the church.

Day 10 Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Prayer Prompts: Pray for your future associate pastor and his family to be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray that your future associate pastor will be a faithful disciple-maker.

Day 11 Scripture Reading: James 1:5-8

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential candidates. Pray for church leaders to seek God's wisdom during the process.

Day 12 Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-12

Prayer Prompts: Pray for your future associate pastor and his family to be certain that it is God's will to transition to a new field of ministry. Pray the Father will be glorified in the search process.

Day 13 Scripture Reading: Acts 2:41-42

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to reflect the six elements of a healthy church during the search process and when he is called to serve. (worship, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, evangelism, and prayer)

Day 14 Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to be filled with life through the Holy Spirit. Pray for the church to be strengthened to carry out the vision God has for her.

Day 15 Scripture Reading: John 13:34-35

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee and the church to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another. Pray the church's Christ-like love will be seen by the world.

Day 16 Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:20-21

Prayer Prompts: Pray the power of Christ would be known in and through the church and that all glory would be given to Him throughout the search process.

Day 17 Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:10-12

Prayer Prompts: Pray for each member of the search committee to stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him. Pray for him to keep a clean heart before the Lord.

Day 18 Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the associate pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God. Pray the Lord gives the church a hunger for the Word of God and receptivity to the sermons that he preaches.

Day 19 Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:17

Prayer Prompts: Pray for your future associate pastor to faithfully shepherd the church and for members of the church to willingly and joyfully place themselves under his servant leadership.

Day 20 Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:9

Prayer Prompts: Pray for each member of the search committee to have an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the search process.

Day 21 Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:2-6

Prayer Prompts: Pray for your future associate pastor to seek God's wisdom in every area of life and decision making. Pray for the search committee to be attentive to the Lord's wisdom.

Day 22 Scripture Reading: James 4:1-12

Prayer Prompts: Pray for church members to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His cleansing power in order for revival to come. Pray for the search committee to continually submit to God's will.

Day 23 Scripture Reading: John 17:20-23

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to be unified so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and the Father will be glorified.

Pray for the search committee to be unified in their decision making.

Day 24 Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:15

Prayer Prompts: Pray for an associate pastor who can rightly divide the Word of God. Pray for the search committee as

they listen to sermons of potential candidates.

Day 25 Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:3

Prayer Prompts: Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the church not only as you seek God's will for an associate pastor, but also as you seek God's vision for the church.

Day 26 Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the associate pastor to be a man who exhibits Christ-like character both publicly and privately. Pray for your future associate pastor's family as they transition to a new work.

Day 27 Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Prayer Prompts: Pray for your church to grow in love toward one another. Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the church.

Day 28 Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Prayer Prompts: Pray for your future associate pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ. Pray for the church to look to Christ as the Head of the body.

Day 29 Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:14-22

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to fight against lukewarm spirituality. Pray church members repent of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom work.

Day 30 Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the church to be committed to biblical worship. Pray for the search committee to be confident that they are following God's will as they make decisions regarding your future pastor.

Day 31 Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Prayer Prompts: Pray that your future associate pastor shepherds the church in a biblical and Christ-exalting manner. Pray his walk with Christ.

Day 32 Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:5-7

Prayer Prompts: Pray for mutual respect and humility between the church and your future associate pastor. Pray for the church to follow the leadership of your future associate pastor.

Day 33 Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:8-9

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to remain

humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership. Pray that the church will stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Day 34 Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-16

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to make wise use of their time during their meetings. Pray for the Lord to reveal His will to your future associate pastor.

Day 35 Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Prayer Prompts: Pray that in times of discouragement, the search committee and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is at work bringing the church and future associate pastor together.

Day 36 Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:24-29

Prayer Prompts: Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to the associate pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to him and the church. Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in the church to make disciples.

Day 37 Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to discern if potential candidates possess the biblical qualities of a servant of the Lord. Pray for the church to affirm these qualities in their future associate pastor.

Day 38 Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:9

Prayer Prompts: Pray for the search committee to not grow weary in their work. Pray that the search committee and the church will be able to see God's hand at work bringing you and your future associate pastor together.

Day 39 Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Prayer Prompts: Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the search committee and the church during the search process.

Day 40 Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Prayer Prompts: Pray for your church to be a Great Commission church that makes disciples. Pray that your future associate pastor will be a Great Commission leader.

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