

Scripture & Prayer for Pastor Transition

Faith in the Process	
Scripture Verses	Suggested Prayer:
<p>Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p>Help us Lord to not be anxious about this transition. We know that if we petition you with our requests and thank you for your faithfulness, that your peace, that transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in and through your son, Jesus Christ.</p>
<p>Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.</p>	<p>Lord, we trust you with all our heart to find the right person as our new pastor. We know that we don't have the full understanding of your ways. In all our ways we acknowledge you to make our paths straight.</p>
<p>Matthew 7:7 Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it will be open to you. For anyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds and to the one who knocks, the door will be open.</p>	<p>Jesus, we ask that you will find just the right pastor for Panama Methodist. We seek after your mercies and we are reassured by your faithfulness.</p>
<p>Jeremiah 3:15 Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.</p>	<p>Heavenly Father, we pray that you will give us a pastor that will feed us with knowledge and understanding. A pastor after your own heart.</p>

The Character of Our Pastor	
Scripture Verses	Suggested Prayer:
<p>1 Chronicles 16:11 Look to the Lord and his strength, seek his face always.</p>	<p>Lord may our pastor seek you and your strength always. Seeking you before all others.</p>
<p>Ephesians 6:13-17 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.</p>	<p>We pray that our pastor that you have already determined to be ours, will have the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted for righteousness, a shield of faith, helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit in the hand. Help our pastor be prepared to take on this new transition.</p>

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (Shema) Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.	Lord may our pastor love you with all his/her heart, all his/her soul, and all his/her strength. You are his/her God! You are the one and only true God.
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Pastor's Righteousness	
Scripture Verses	Prayer:
Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.	May our God of hope fill our pastor with all joy and peace as he/she trusts in him so that he/she may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
1 Timothy 3:1-4 Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect.	O, Lord, the work of an overseer is a high calling and a noble task and we fervently pray for our pastor. Fill him/her with your Holy Spirit as he/she walks with you, listening closely to you and following in your ways. May the pastor lead with joy, knowing that he/she is entrusted with the care of our souls, and that the efforts bear spiritual fruit within the congregation.
Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to the Father in heaven.	Lord, we pray that our pastor's light will shine before others so that others may see your good works and give glory to the Father in heaven.
Colossians 1:9-10 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.	Lord, we pray for our pastor's pursuit of spiritual understanding and wisdom. May they be in line with your will. May he/she walk in a manner worthy of you, fully pleasing to you. We pray that they bear fruit in every good work and continually increase in the knowledge of you. Remind us to pray continually for our pastor.

Pastor's Works	
Scripture Verses	Prayer:
2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.	Prepare our pastor's heart so that he/she is ready to preach, correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction. May we, as a congregation, be willing to hear the words and be transformed

	by the Holy Spirit.
<p>1 Peter 5:2-3 Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.</p>	<p>We pray that our pastor will shepherd the flock with a willing heart, leading by example and prioritizing the spiritual well-being of the congregation over personal gain.</p>

Fulfilling the Mission to which God has called the Church	
Scripture Verses	Prayer:
<p>2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.</p>	<p>We know that in all things and all times that grace will abound in every good work because of you Lord! You are able to make all grace abound! Help us to continue to do your work during this time of transition.</p>
<p>John 4:24 God is spirit, those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.</p>	<p>God, we know you are spirit and we worship you in spirit and truth. May we continue to worship you as you have called us to do.</p>
<p>John 13:34 -35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.</p>	<p>Help us to love each other and our new pastor. Let all that we do and say be a reflection of who you are.</p>
<p>Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.</p>	<p>Lord, help us to be obedient to you first and then to our pastor. We pray that his work will be a joy and not a burden. Help us to support, encourage and pray for our pastor.</p>