



Prayer Guide for Pastor Search

I. Prayer of Adoration, Thanksgiving, Confession

- “Come let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.”
Psalm 95
- Begin with a prayer of adoration and praise – Psalm 113; Psalm 145
- Pray and meditate on these two passages of scripture -- Psalm 23 and John 10
- Pray through 1 John 1:9, Psalm 51, James 5:16

II. Prayer for Westwood

- Pray for patience and trust in the Lord during the waiting
- Pray for unity around God’s Word, the Great Commission, and Westwood’s mission
- Pray that Westwood would continue to place a high priority on Biblical teaching – Acts 17:11
- Pray that Westwood would be confident in God’s man for Westwood and would follow him as he follows Christ
- Pray for staff and leadership each by name
- Pray that Westwood would grow, the Word would increase, and we will continue to multiply disciples during the transition

III. Prayer for our Next Senior Pastor

- Pray the [biblical requirements](#) over the future pastor
- Pray that God would increase his passion for preaching the Word of God
- Pray for your next pastor’s family (unity, transition, etc.)

- Pray for vision and preparation to lead Westwood to execute and fulfill the Great Commission in our city and the world
- Pray that God would give him a love for our city and our church
- Pray that God would give him wisdom to lead Westwood in missions and evangelism
- Pray that God would equip him as an administrator and wise financial leader
- Pray that God would give him a great love for our community and church

IV. Prayer for the Pastor Search Team

- Pray that the Spirit of God would fill us with wisdom and insight to know and discern the will of God for our next senior pastor
- Pray that we would know the Word is being accurately taught as we hear sermons and pastors teach
- Pray for patience and trust in the Lord throughout the process
- Pray for unity and humility with each other and the church
- Pray for the mind of Christ (Philippians 2)
- Pray for discipline and perseverance as we work to the end
- Pray that we would know the Great Shepherd so we will know our next local shepherd
- Pray for perseverance to follow the Lord’s timing for the process
- Pray for corporate communications and private conversations
- Pray for joy and kingdom perspective throughout the search

