

# Pastor Call Team

Prayer Guide, Vol. 2: October 2-October 31



## PRAYER GUIDE

The Call Team (the All Saints Board of Directors and the Call Committee) hopes that the first volume of prayers aided you in focusing on the needs of All Saints in this process of calling our next senior pastor. Continued prayer is needed.

During this time, it might be natural to think that things are on hold but that is not true. Christ is still in control. Every member of the body of Christ, working together in unity, is God's plan for All Saints right now. God's call on our lives is not on hold. We are each called to serve God with our gifts for His glory and for the building up of the body.

It is comforting to know God loves the Church even more than we do. God holds us in the palm of His hands. We are the apple of His eye. We are the very bride of Christ. That in no way makes us God's in-laws; through Christ's great love and grace for us, we are made true children of God, by redemption and not by law. As children then, we seek our Father's protection and divine care for All Saints, and boldly ask our Good Shepherd to send an earthly shepherd to lead us.

The Call Team continues to covet your prayers for protection over All Saints and the call process, for protection and strength for the entire All Saints staff and leadership, and for the one man and his family whom God will call to lead us. Thank you.

Yours in Christ,

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**Day 31 October 2, 2018**

*Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.  
Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts,  
you double-minded. James 4:8*

Pray that this time of seeking a pastor will be a time during which All Saints learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the one true head of the Church.

**Day 32 October 3, 2018**

*I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his  
righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the  
LORD, the Most High. Psalm 7:17*

Dear God, I owe all to You. There is no name higher than Yours. There is no other God but You. Amen

**Day 33 October 4, 2018**

*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with  
my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the  
congregation. Psalm 111:1*

Dear LORD, I praise You in the privacy of my innermost thoughts and I will share with others my great thankfulness for Your blessings. Amen

**Day 34 October 5, 2018**

*Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!* Psalm 139:23-24

Pray for zeal within All Saints to seek after God during this time. Father, please cause this to be a time of deep healing, cleansing, and renewed unity in our church.

**Day 35 October 6, 2018**

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.* Colossians 2:6-7

Dear Jesus, let us follow You with boldness from the Spirit, in the conviction of our beliefs, thanking You for all You have done for us and for All Saints. Amen

**Day 36 October 7, 2018**

*He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.* Psalm 40:3

Dear God, may I live in such a way that I could be a living testimony and witness to Your greatness. Amen

**Day 37 October 8, 2018**

*I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Revelation 2:2-4*

Dear God, please grant great power to our staff and to our intentional interim pastor. Protect us from losing our first love. Remind us that we serve Jesus, not an organization or any man. Amen

**Day 38 October 9, 2018**

*The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God! Psalm 50:23*

Heavenly Father, when I look around me I see Your power and might. I know my debt to You. Guide me on my path to follow You. Amen

**Day 39 October 10, 2018**

*I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Isaiah 42:8*

Almighty God, I confess there are many times when I do not put You first. I want to always place You in the center of my life. Forgive me for those times when I have failed. Amen

**Day 40 October 11, 2018**

*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. John 13:34-35*

Pray for love and unity among all members of All Saints. Help us surrender all bitterness, division and any anger that may be hiding within our church family. Lord, empower us to love one another with a patient, forbearing love.

**Day 41 October 12, 2018**

*I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.*  
1 Corinthians 1:4

LORD, we know we are in desperate need of Your grace. We can never thank You enough. We thank You for all those who seek Your grace. Empower us to reach those who do not. Amen

**Day 42 October 13, 2018**

*... so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:7*

Dear LORD, give me a true, strong faith by the power of Your Holy Spirit so that I may endure the fires of this life and bring praise to You, Jesus. Amen

**Day 43 October 14, 2018**

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Pray that our stewardship efforts please the Lord in such a way that we are able to present a financially healthy church to prospective pastoral candidates. Pray that the use of all of our gifts of time and money furthers our mission statement: *To seek out and bring people into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.*

**Day 44 October 15, 2018**

*You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11*

Creator Father, all we have is Yours. May we use each gift for its best purpose as You lead us. Amen

**Day 45 October 16, 2018**

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! Psalm 111:10*

LORD, how can I not live in an awesome, reverent fear of the One who can breathe life into dust? Who says,

“Let there be light,” and there is? I will forever praise You. Amen

**Day 46 October 17, 2018**

*...that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. John 17:21*

Lord, help us to receive our new senior pastor and his family with deep love. As we pray for certainty of call for our pastor, grant us a powerful sense of calling as we move into the future. Pray for grace, guidance, and strength for the church which our new pastor leaves.

**Day 47 October 18, 2018**

*For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. Psalm 71:5-6*

Lord, thank You for the times You made Your presence in my life known to me. Thank You for the times I was unaware but You were there all the same. Amen

**Day 48 October 19, 2018**

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. Psalm 145:3-5*

Holy God, Your truth is the only thing of lasting value.  
Let us pass it on. Amen

**Day 49 October 20, 2018**

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6*

Pray that we are prepared to make necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry. Lord, we understand that a new pastor always means changes. Help us to be prepared to change and grow with graciousness and unity.

**Day 50 October 21, 2018**

*With my mouth I will give great thanks to the LORD; I will praise him in the midst of the throng. Psalm 109:30*

Lord, it is easy to give You thanks in my private time. And it is simple to praise You in a worship service with fellow believers. Help me to make my praises to You known also to the “throng.” Amen

**Day 51 October 22, 2018**

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10*

God, You made the day for me to live in but You did not stop there. You sent Your Son, so I could “have life and have it abundantly.” Thank You, Jesus. Amen

**Day 52 October 23, 2018**

*And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Hebrews 6:11-12*

Pray that we will patiently await God’s timing and settle for nothing less than His perfect will. Ask God for His mercy and providence in giving us the next man of God and our next great leader.

## **Day 53 Thanksgiving Day October 24, 2018**

*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Psalm 95:2-5*

Dear God,

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.*  
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

We give thanks to You, O LORD. Amen

## **Day 54 October 25, 2018**

*Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. Psalm 147:7-8*

God, I will not take for granted all that You provide and all that You do for me. In fact, I am only now beginning to understand everything I have to thank You for. Thank You, LORD. Amen

**Day 55 October 26, 2018**

*And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11*

Pray that each member of All Saints will set aside individual expectations for the new senior pastor and become remarkably unified behind the man God is calling to lead All Saints.

**Day 56 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent October 27, 2018**

*For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 4:1*

Dear God, let my response to Your grace always be gratitude. Thanks be to God! Amen

**Day 57 October 28, 2018**

*Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Hebrews 13:15*

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge the name of Jesus as the only name with the power to save. We praise You for Your continuous love and faithfulness. Amen

**Day 58 October 29, 2018**

*Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.* Isaiah 42:9

Pray that we would not make decisions based on previous experiences. Some churches struggle with wanting a pastor who is like their previous pastor. Others desire someone who is just the opposite. Pray that all would be receptive to God's doing a new thing in the congregation.

**Day 59 October 30, 2018**

*Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?* Exodus 15:11

Almighty Father, there is no end to Your wonders. Were I to live to be a thousand, there would still not be enough time to explore the vastness of Your creation. I look forward to eternity when time is no longer limiting and I will more than glimpse Your greatness. Amen

**Day 60 October 31, 2018**

*Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:1-6*

LORD, God, thank You for giving me breath and life and a purpose. I confess that my instruments of praise to You sometimes get dusty when I don't take time to reflect on Your acts of power and surpassing greatness. Help me to be aware of the worthiness of praise to You today, this week, and always. Amen