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PRAYING FOR YOUR PASTOR'S COMPANION

Prayer Points July 2020

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“Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor” (Romans 13:7 NKJV).

Honor is: 1) a showing of merited respect; 2) a person of superior standing; 3) one whose worth brings respect or fame (Merriam-Webster Dictionary). When I think of those deserving of honor, I think of our pastors' companions. They labor without complaint, give of their resources, pray without ceasing, and love unconditionally. Many of them have cooked meals for families in need, come to the rescue of wayward souls, listened on the phone to bleeding hearts, or served with their hands doing things like building a handicap ramp or mowing a lawn for an elderly member. These companions daily live the example of the love of God. Their humility and fear of the Lord dictates that their lives and riches, honor, and long life are due them. They are the prayerful support, the foundation of the parsonage home.

Leadership is not without its struggles. The attacks from the enemy can seem to come from many different areas. The very fiber of the pastor's home is often built on the faithfulness and nurturing love of the pastor's companion. Therefore, the enemy of our soul seeks to destroy God's people by breaking the fiber of the parsonage home through destroying the self-confidence of the pastor's companion. Prayer changes this!

As we pray for our pastor's companions, let us be reminded, “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news. . .” (Isaiah 52:7 NKJV). Honor your pastor's companion by praying over them every day and cover them in the Word of God.

PRAYER DIRECTIVES:

- Prayer for their emotional and physical strength to handle daily responsibilities with confidence (Psalm 18:2).
- Pray that they have a heart of obedience and submission to God's will (Deuteronomy 11:13).
- Ask the Father to give them true and deep friendships (Proverbs 27:9).
- Pray that they have a spirit of wisdom in dealing with others (James 1:5).
- Pray they have an ability to face criticism with grace and mercy (Colossians 3:12).
- Ask the Father to give them contentment in ministry with a heart to serve (1 Peter 4:10).
- Pray that they be a good steward of money (Proverbs 3:9, 10).
- Ask the Lord to bring growth in the church to financially support a full-time pastor (1 Timothy 1:15; Matthew 28:19).
- Pray for unity among any children in the home and protection from excessive expectations from congregants (Matthew 18:16).
- Ask the Father to give your pastor and their companion good health (Proverbs 14:26).
- Pray that you would be a faithful encourager of your pastoral family (Acts 11:22–24).
- Ask the Father to give you insight as to how you can support and share the vision of your pastor for the church (Acts 2:17).

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