

Prayers During Clergy Appreciation Month

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. It is the perfect time to say “thank you” and to give your pastor and their families the love, honor, and encouragement they so richly deserve. Don’t delay—start planning to celebrate today—with the following helpful hints:

1. Plan special events for the month.
2. Recognize your pastor the second weekend in October during a worship appreciation service.
3. Give your pastor a “thank you” for making a difference in your growth in faith.
4. Host a special event in your pastor’s honor such as a luncheon, church picnic, banquet, pizza party, ice cream social, etc.
5. Organize prayer teams to pray for your pastor and their families year-round.
6. Shower your pastor with cards, letters, or notes expressing appreciation.
7. Send a letter of appreciation about your pastor to the local newspaper.
8. Produce a video that features highlights of your pastor’s ministry and tributes from church members, family, and friends.
9. Give a gift. Consider a plaque, flowers, balloons, scrapbook, gift certificates to a restaurant or store, a love offering, tickets to a special event, or an all-expense paid vacation.
10. Establish a scholarship fund or make a charitable donation in your pastor’s honor.



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Friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. 1 Thessalonians 5:12

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 God, thank you for pastors who answer your call to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Eph. 3:8	2 God, may pastors and their families receive love, honor, and encouragement of their people. 1 Tim. 5:17	3 God, we pray for the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of pastors. 1 Sam. 25:6	4 God, bless pastors' families. Be their refuge and fortress. Preserve their time together. Meet their needs. Ps. 91:1-2	5 God, may pastors set an example in speech, in life, in love, and in faith. 1 Tim. 4:12	6 God, raise up prayer teams who will pray diligently for pastors and their families. 1 Tim. 2:1-2	7 God, give pastors insight to fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel whenever they speak. Eph. 6:19
8 God, equip pastors with all the resources required to fulfill the plans you have for them. Jer. 29:11	9 God, give pastors wisdom in their leadership and the courage to speak uncompromising truth. Prov. 4:20-27	10 God, bless pastors with valuable study time. Guide them into a deeper relationship with you. Eccl. 1:13	11 God, enable pastors to trust you with all their hearts and lean not on their own understanding. Prov. 3:5	12 God, guard pastors' hearts and minds with your peace, which surpasses all understanding. Phil. 4:7	13 God, fix pastors' thoughts on whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, and excellent. Phil. 4:8	14 God, guide pastors in the paths of righteousness. May goodness and mercy follow them always. Ps. 23:3-6
15 God, help pastors be instruments of healing in churches, neighborhoods, cities, nations, and the world. 1 Cor. 12:20-27	16 God, keep pastors humble, thankful, and ever aware that all good things come from you. Ps. 25:9	17 God, reveal new ways pastors can open the floodgates of justice and bring hope to a hurting world. Job 5:16	18 God, fill pastors with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Gal. 5:22-23	19 God, keep pastors faithful in every way, especially when tired and hard-pressed. We pray for their rest and renewal. Isa. 40:31	20 God, bless pastors with a spirit of perseverance when facing trials and tribulations. Jas. 1:12	21 God, enable pastors to preach and encourage with great patience and careful instruction. 2 Tim. 4:2
22 God, may people learn through pastors' example that Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve. Matt. 20:28	23 God, draw pastors near to the throne of grace so that they may receive mercy in a time of need. Heb. 4:16	24 God, equip pastors to endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, and carry out their ministry. 2 Tim. 4:5	25 God, empower pastors to fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith, and receive the crown of righteousness. 2 Tim. 4:7-8	26 God, help pastors to put on the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. Eph. 6:14-17	27 God, may pastors and laity alike seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Matt. 7:33	28 God, remind pastors that they can do all things through Christ who strengthens them. Phil. 4:13
29 God, empower pastors to worship and lead in worship in spirit and in truth. Jn. 4:24	30 God, enable pastors to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's might. Eph. 6:10	31 God, create pure hearts in pastors and renew steadfast spirits within them. Ps. 51:10				 www.ngumc.org