

The Armorbearer Intercession Ministry

Armorbearers were personal attendants of a warrior chieftain and accompanied him in dangerous missions. Armorbearers holding huge shields sometimes surrounded their leader to protect him from attack. As the Armorbearers protected the warrior chief from the enemy's arrows, so church members' intercessory prayers can protect their pastor from "the flaming arrows of the evil one" (Ephesians 6:16).

7-Day Guide for Praying for Pastors

SUN That they will love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength and that they will love all of their neighbors as themselves. (Matt. 22:36-40)

MON That they will find rest for their souls in knowing Christ loves them. (Matt. 11:28-30)

TUE That they will love their wives as Christ loved the church by giving themselves for their wives. And that they will manage their families well for their good and as an example to the church. (Eph. 5:25, 1Tim. 3:4-5)

WED That they will be men of prayer and the Word, committed to spending time alone with God. (Acts 6:4)

THU That they will have a passion for reaching the lost and teaching and motivating others to do so. (Matt. 9:35-38)

FRI That they would be protected from the pull of the world, their flesh and the devil and that when they are tempted that they would seek and find the way of escape that God has provided. (1Cor. 10:12-13).

SAT That they will have self-control, living a life that is above reproach and maintaining a good reputation with those outside the church. (1Tim. 3:7)

May Daily Prayer Requests

1 **James Teague:** Pray for our witness as leaders and parents to all of the children and youth of the church.

2 **Jim Tilley:** Continue to pray for SaDara as she recovers from surgery and the many complications resulting from it.

3 **Rodney Wilkinson:** Pray for all of our church family who are dealing with difficult health issues.

4 **Jan Williams:** Pray for my family and me following my surgery in April, and for the treatment and healing process that follows.

5 **Tracy Withers:** Ask the Lord to use me to help rebuild our outreach ministry to our young adults.

6 **Kevin Yoder:** Pray that family members making bad choices will see their need for Jesus Christ.

7 **Brian Abernathy:** Pray for wisdom and strength as we move our business to a new location.

8 **Mark Beatty:** Pray that I can properly allocate my time between studying God's word, prayer, my family, and my new job.

9 **Jeff Black:** Pray for the summer mission teams and their leaders as they make preparation for their trips.

10 **Scott Burgess:** Pray that God will be with me as I make adjustments to my second career at Family Dollar.

11 **Reid Evans:** Pray that the Spirit would mature in me the gift of patience.

12 **Ed Faggart:** Pray for our college kids to be strong in the Lord as they finish up their school semester.

13 **Clyde Haley:** Pray that God will guide me, as I face decisions concerning my health problems.

14 **Don Hensley:** Pray that God will give light to our path as we make family decisions this year.

15 **Rick Herd:** Pray for Stacey (due in July) and Susan (in June) to continue with healthy pregnancies.

16 **Andy Leonard:** Pray as elders we will be positive examples to our wives, families, and co-workers.

17 **Jimmie Mitchell:** Pray that God would teach me His Word so I can share it with all those that I meet.

18 **Jon Petersohn:** Pray for my witness and for all those involved in the soccer ministry outreach.

19 **Percy Raleigh:** Pray that God will give me health and strength and continue to use me for His glory!

20 **Jim Ramsey:** Pray for good health while I am in Romania (Apr/May) and for unity of the Romanian church planting team that I am working with.

21 **Kevin Rhyne:** Pray for fulfillment of Carly's desire to get into the NC State School of Veterinary Med.

22 **Robert Rhyne:** Pray that young and old might be comforted by God's goodness and guided by God's righteous hand in the present tough economy.

23 **Bill Robinson:** Pray I will be able to show the spirit of Christ to coworkers returning under new contract.

24 **Grover Rodgers:** Pray that I will be a good example and coach for my softball team.

25 **Graham Smith:** Pray for God's protection from the many evils that are around us in these days.

26 **James Teague:** Pray that as church leaders God will help each of us to make quality time for the study of His word and prayer.

27 **Jim Tilley:** Pray as I minister to SaDara's needs, that I will be helpful, humble and gracious.

28 **Rodney Wilkinson:** Pray for our college and high school kids to find summer job opportunities.

29 **Jan Williams:** Pray for strength to do what I need to do in dealing with my recovery from surgery.

30 **Tracy Withers:** Pray that I will be a good steward of my time, talents and resources to glorify God.

31 **Kevin Yoder:** Please pray that as elders and deacons we will be Godly fathers and husbands.

Dear Faithful Prayers,

In the book *Family Practice* [edited by R.C. Sproul, Jr.], Gary Ezzo writes: “In my field of endeavor (pastor/speaker), going from church to church and house to house, I visit with families and observe children and grandchildren. This helps me understand with greater empathy Abraham’s words to Abimelech: “Surely, the fear of the LORD is not in this place” (Gen. 20:11). I go to homes where the words of Joshua are enshrined in great plaques: “For me and my house, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15). But I observe the children and come away asking, “Who is this lord they serve?”

Looking at the culture, Rev. Ezzo’s observance rings hauntingly true. (Plaques hanging on the wall don’t have the power to do much.)

Brother Ezzo goes on to call Christian parents to bathe their children in the gospel and to set before them a Godly example. So he calls us both to proclaim (verbal) and to model (behavior) faith in Christ.

My prayers for this article? “Lord, help us! We are far from Christ’s teaching as a society and far from Him as families. Take control of our hearts and seize our minds. Wake us up to Your voice and give us the grace to faithfully, obediently, and joyfully follow You. Bless our parents with both zeal and sober-mindedness so that they can pursue with passion the spiritual blessing of their children and do so with clarity of thought. And as parents (both physical & spiritual) hold out Christ through the Word of Truth, grant to our covenant children believing hearts that have a burning fire of affection for Christ and His glory.” AMEN.

Will you pray this prayer with me during the coming month?

Thank you for praying!
Pastor Scott

Answered Prayers, Praise and Thanksgiving

- Thanks for all the prayers for my grandchildren Madison, Hallie & Sam. They are on the road to recovery and the Lord has been with them the entire time. Praise the LORD! Pray that our LORD keeps his hands around them during this time.
Percy Raleigh
- Praise and thanksgiving to God for good health for me and my family for several months now.
Reid Evans

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Prayer Calendar

*First Presbyterian Church
Stanley, NC*

May 2010

We have a Helper, gift divine,
God’s Spirit given by grand design.
Who came to those with deep desire
In rushing wind and tongues of fire.

Who comforts those who seek his peace
Empowers those who need release.
Who counsels souls in deep distress,
Stands side by side to help and bless.

An advocate to plead our case
Before God’s precious throne of grace.
A witness called in our behalf
Who guides us with his rod and staff.

We have a helper, don’t despair!
Go quickly now, to him repair.
For doubtless he will hear your cry
And come by grace with his supply.

Charles B. Jessen, Pentecost, from Acts 2, John 14