

# ***PERSONAL PRAYER GUIDE***

Jesus is now and will always be the true head of Ironbridge Church. As we enter a season of searching for a Senior Pastor, we are not alone for Christ is with us. During this time God wants to take us into deeper prayer, fuller surrender and closer fellowship with one another. Deepening our closeness, love and faith in Jesus is the primary goal, not just finding another human leader. As we draw closer to Jesus and one another, we find great blessings—greater intimacy with God and finding His perfect will in our next pastor. For the glory of Christ’s name, let us settle for nothing less.

**1. Begin with praise and thanksgiving. Spend time focusing on the glory and greatness of God. (Psalm 100:4-5)**

- Thank God for past, present and future blessings
- Praise God for who He is
- Take time to freely worship and adore Him from your heart

**2. Continue with confession and repentance. (Proverbs 28:13, Psalm 66: 18, Psalm 139:23-24)**

- Ask God to search your thoughts/attitudes
- Carefully examine your speech
- Ask God to thoroughly search your relationships
- Confess any sins of commission and forsake the sins God reveals
- Confess any sins of omission and commit to obedience
- Resolve to fully repent of any known sin of thought, word or deed. Be specific
- Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit

**3. Prayers of Personal petition. (Philippians 4:6, Matthew 6:33)**

- Pray for development of character and holiness. Pray through the fruits of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 5:1-2, Galatians 5:22)
- Pray for your ministry and service to God
- Pray for any physical, emotional, spiritual or financial needs

**4. Prayers of Intercession. (Ezekiel 22:30, 2 Timothy 2:1-4)**

- Pray for the needs of family and friends
- Pray for your pastors and church

- Pray for the specific needs of the pastor search process
- Pray for missionaries and mission efforts (guides available at [imb.org/pray](http://imb.org/pray))
- Pray for revival and spiritual awakening in America. Use the 2021 National Day of Prayer Guide provided

#### **5. Conclude with a time of Scripture meditation and listening for God's voice.**

- Reflect on key points of your Scripture reading and prayer time
- Assess what God has impressed on your heart
- Write key impressions in a daily journal
- Close with thanksgiving to God for His grace, mercy and power

*Note: This is a general guide for prayer, not intended to be rigid. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide, and you will be amazed at the way he directs you daily. God desires a close personal relationship with us. If we are willing, He enables us to walk to Him in deep spiritual intimacy. May God help us see the glory of His manifest presence in the hearts and lives of Ironbridge Church.*

#### **PRAYERS for the CONGREGATION**

-Pray the pastor search season will be a time the church learns to seek God Himself more than just a new pastor. LORD, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him, the true head of the Church. (Jeremiah 29:13, James 4:8)

-Pray for a powerful move of congregational cleansing and renewal. Father bless this time of deep healing, cleansing and renewal in our Church. (Psalm 66:18, Psalm 139:23-24)

-Pray for consistency and focus in the present ministry of the church. Grant power to our interim preacher and all of our staff. Protect us from a spirit of lukewarmness and losing our first love, for it is Jesus we serve. (Revelation 2:1-4, Revelation 3:15)

-Pray for a miraculous sense of love and unity among all church members. Help us surrender all bitterness, division and anger. Empower us to love one another with patient, forbearing love. (John 13:34, John 17:21)

-Pray for God's timing and His perfect will. Ask for His mercy to give us a true man of God and a godly leader. (Hebrews 6:12)

-Prepare us to make the necessary changes to embrace a new day of ministry as the new pastor comes, to grow in grace and unity. (Ephesians 4:1-6)

-Pray for unity in calling the new pastor. LORD, help us to receive him and his family with love and renewed commitment. Grant to us a true revival and spiritual awakening as we move into the future. Pray for grace, guidance and strength for the church. (John 17:21, 1 Corinthians 1:10)

### **COVENANT PRAYERS FOR THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

-Pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in team members. (Psalm 66:18, John 15:5, Ephesians 5:18)

-Pray for supernatural discernment, wisdom and strength for the team. (Matthew 15:13-14)

-Pray for unity and oneness of spirit. (Amos 3:3, Matthew 18:19)

-God's direction in how resumes are collected and examined; how interviews are conducted. Ask God to reveal the right person to the team. (Proverbs 14:12, Isaiah 55:8-9)

-Pray for the Spirit to lead the team in all questions and information shared with candidates. (1 Corinthians 2:10-16)

-Pray God gives the team the wisdom to know the characteristics and traits most needed for our church.

-Pray the team will not feel rushed and seek God's will in God's time. (Ephesians 5:17)

-Pray for the future pastor and his family to have absolute certainty that God is calling them to our church.

-Pray for Jesus to prevent Satan's influence in misleading, deceiving or rushing the team. Pray for protection around the team and their families.

-Pray for God's guidance in how the future pastor is presented to the church and for unity in his call to Ironbridge. (1 Corinthians 1:10, Acts 2:1)  
Pray for God's strength and guidance in the pastor's former church.

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