

Day 18

DISCERNMENT

"Give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil." 1 Kings 3:9 Lord, give my pastor a discerning mind and heart to prioritize the precious minutes of the day. Let him discern what is most important and be guarded against the tyranny of the urgent. Help him to have the discernment and wisdom each day to see right choices from wrong and fulfill Your will in his life every day.

Day 19

GUIDANCE

Lord, sometimes it is hard to trust You when the path is crooked or does not make sense. Yet, You tell us that our understanding is limited, and we are to lean on Your wisdom rather than our own. May my pastor trust in You with all his heart, lean not on his own understanding, and acknowledge You in all his ways as You direct his path. (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Day 20

Insight

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16 Lord, You have told us Scripture is authored by You and useful for training in righteousness. I ask You to grant my pastor even deeper insight into Your Word as he studies. Bless my pastor with rich study time (Acts 6:4; 2 Timothy 2:15). Do a fresh work in my pastor's life as he discovers again the "unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8).

MINISTRY LIFE

Day 21

SBC

Lord, I pray You will grant my pastor spiritual wisdom and understanding as he leads the Southern Baptist Convention. Fill him with the knowledge of Your will as he makes decisions for the convention and ministers to people across the nation and world (Colossians 1:9).

Day 22

CHURCH

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Philemon 1:6 Lord, grant my pastor the wisdom to share Your Word with the Prestonwood family. Speak to my pastor as he prays, and show him exactly how to minister to those who come, so that we will gain a full understanding of the blessings we have in Christ.

Day 23

STAFF

Ephesians 6:18 reminds us that we should pray in the Spirit and always pray for the saints. Today I pray specifically for the staff of Prestonwood. Jesus, fill them with Your strength and wisdom so they can perform their ministries with joy and peace. Let them minister to our pastor as he ministers to them. Thwart any attacks the enemy may plan, and let them always be mindful of You.

KINGDOM LIFE

Day 24

PROCLAMATION

As Dr. Graham preaches, let him proclaim Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:28). Let him decrease that the Lord Jesus may increase (John 3:30). May his desire be to preach Jesus Christ and of His crucifixion (1 Corinthians 1:23).

Day 25

CONFIDENCE

Lord, let my pastor fear no man. Let him stand strong in the faith. May he find his strength in You. Help him and uphold him with Your righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10).

Day 26

BOLDNESS

Lord, help my pastor to put his faith only in You, and not in men (Hebrews 13:6). May his desire be to preach Jesus Christ, our crucified Savior and risen Lord (1 Corinthians 1:23). May he boldly proclaim the truths of the Scriptures and the power of the cross through the platform of our church and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Day 27

THE WORD

Your Word tells us in Isaiah 40:8 that "the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." As my pastor shares Your Word and Your truth, let him remember this passage. Let him know that whatever he may face, Your Word stands forever. Let him never forget that You have placed him here to share this truth with as many as possible.

Day 28

SALVATION

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6 Jesus, I pray that many will come to know You through the ministry You have given my pastor. Lord, let my pastor communicate the truth of eternal life and forgiveness, and open the eyes, ears, and hearts of those who do not know You. Protect them from the enemy, and soften their hearts to understand that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord.

Day 29

KINGDOM

Lord, work through Pastor Graham for Your glory by doing exceedingly abundantly above all that I could ask or think through Your power that works in him. Help my pastor do all things with excellence and all things to the glory of God (Ephesians 3:20).

CLOSING PRAYERS

Day 30

LEADERS

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7 Lord, as this month of prayer draws to a close, do not let my prayers for my pastor end. Help me remember him as he seeks to model himself after the leaders of the faith in the Bible. Today, lift him up, grant him peace, and let him feel Your love.

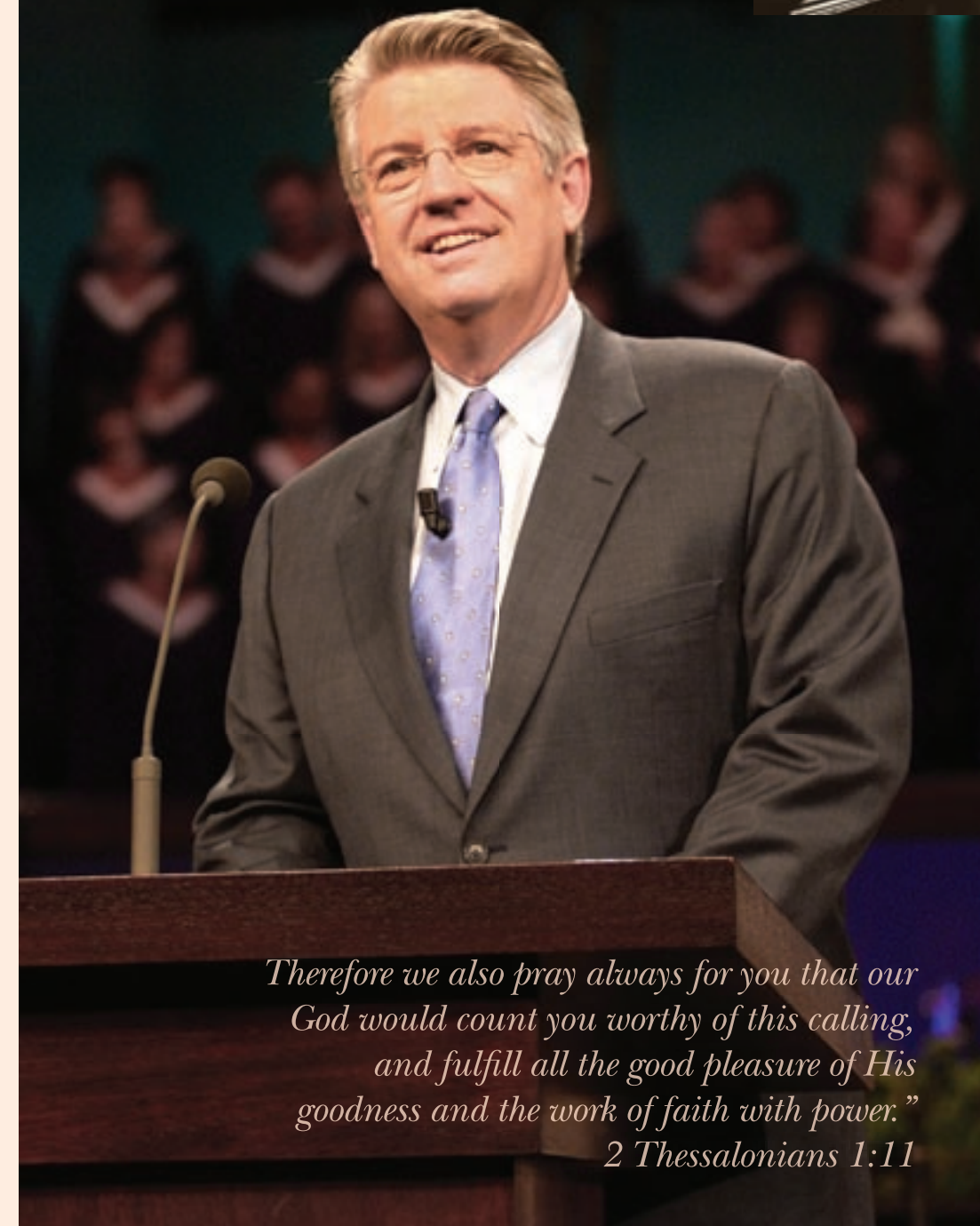
Day 31

THANKSGIVING

Today I give thanks for my pastor (Ephesians 1:16). Thank you, God, for putting him in this ministry, and filling him with Your wisdom. Jesus, let my pastor pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Once again, thank You for the blessing of the pastor and his family in our church. And thank You for using us to reach people with the most important message in the world—the good news of Jesus Christ. □



PASTOR PRAYER GUIDE



Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power."
2 Thessalonians 1:11

Our pastor has been named to a second term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Scripture tells us to pray for those God places in leadership, and to lift up the body of Christ. Will you commit to be a prayer partner for our pastor in the coming months? Will you commit to “wrestle in prayer” for him, asking God to help him stand firm in the Lord’s will?

When God grants a person greater responsibility and greater exposure in the world, the person will also face greater spiritual attacks. As we enjoy the

opportunities God has given us to witness to the world through the Southern Baptist Convention, let us view these opportunities with a sober responsibility.

To whom much is given, much is demanded. Together, let us lift up our pastor in prayer as he in turn lifts us up with words of truth from the Word of God.

“Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.” Ephesians 6:19

God, by His power, will fulfill all your good intentions and faithful deeds.” 2 Thessalonians 1:11 (NLT)
Lord, I pray this passage for my pastor that You will fill him and use him to Your glory.

Day 6
HUMILITY
Keep my pastor humble. Let him boast only in the cross of Jesus (Galatians 6:14). Let him humble himself under Your mighty hand. Help him to cast all his cares on You. (1 Peter 5:6-7).

PERSONAL LIFE

Day 7
FAMILY
Lord, thank you for Deb Graham. Thank you that she is an example of a Proverbs 31 woman. Bless their marriage so they will be a witness to the world. Bless his family and multiply their time together. Protect them and allow them to grow in the knowledge of You.

Day 8
HEALTH
Bless my pastor with a healthy body, sound mind, and sensitive spirit. Grant him physical strength equal to each task You give him. As 3 John 1:2 states, let my pastor enjoy good health so that all may go well with him, even as his soul is getting along well.

Day 9
ENDURANCE
Lord, let my pastor fight the good fight, finish the race, and keep the faith (2 Timothy 4:7). Let him run with endurance the race set before him, always keeping his eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-2). Help him to rest in You, even in the midst of a hectic schedule (Psalm 121).

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Day 10
WARFARE
“Be self controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8
Lord, I know my pastor will come under greater spiritual attack because of his great responsibility. I pray that You will help him be self controlled and alert. Give him wisdom, and protect him from any attacks from the enemy. Keep him strong and protected by Your mighty power.

Day 11
INTEGRITY
Lord, keep my pastor holy in every area of his life (1 Peter 1:16). You are faithful. Establish him and guard him from the evil one (2 Thessalonians 3:3). Keep his eyes on You as he runs the race You have given him (1 Corinthians 9:27).

Day 12
ENCOURAGEMENT
Lord, discouragement is a tool of the enemy that is often used to drag believers down. Daily remind my pastor that he is a son of the King! Don’t allow anyone to discourage him or get him down. Help him to not grow weary in doing what is good, for he will indeed reap a harvest if he does not give up (Galatians 6:9). Remind him that he can do all things in Christ who strengthens him (Philippians 4:13).

Day 13
MEDITATION
Jesus, without You we are nothing. No Christian can stand for long in a spiritual battle if he does not spend time with You. So today, I pray you will guard my pastor’s



personal time with You and let nothing hinder it (Acts 6:2). Protect him from all things that could distract his devotional life. Grant him the time, desire, and place to pray, meditate, and focus on You.

Day 14
PROTECTION
Lord, I pray that no weapon formed against my pastor will prosper (Isaiah 54:17). Protect him by Your powerful right hand. Lord, I pray Psalm 91 over my pastor, asking that you will be his refuge and fortress. And according to Ephesians 6:11, help him put on Your armor so he can stand against the wiles of the devil.

Day 15
STRENGTH
Lord, as my pastor waits on You, renew his strength. Let him mount up with wings as eagles, that he may run and not be weary, walk and not be faint (Isaiah 40:31). Remind him that his labor is not in vain for You. Let him be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in Your work (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Day 16
GLORY
“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” 1 John 4:4
Lord, You have told us that no matter what we may face in this world, You are greater. The enemy may try to trick us or deceive us, but You, Jesus, are bigger. Remind my pastor of this truth today, and show that truth to be real in his life.

DISCERNING LIFE

Day 17
WISDOM
Jesus, bless my pastor with Your supernatural wisdom as he executes the assignment of president in all his appointments for the convention, in all his preaching, and as he represents Southern Baptists to the media (Colossians 1:9-10).

SERVANT LIFE

Day 1
BLESSING
Lord Jesus, bless my pastor and his second term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Bless him in all his responsibilities, relationships, appointments, and ministries. Be with him and keep him strong.

Day 2
RESPONSIBILITY
“...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” Luke 12:48
Lord, help my pastor stand strong in the call You have given him. With great gifts comes great responsibility. Help him live out Your full calling in Your strength alone.

Day 3
CHRIST-LIKENESS
Lord, may my pastor imitate Christ in everything he does and inspire others to do the same (1 Corinthians 11:1). May the world see Jesus in him as he leads our church and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Day 4
ANOINTING
Lord, you have anointed my pastor to preach. I ask that You anoint him for his duties as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Fill him with Your Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) and allow the fruits of Your Spirit to be manifested powerfully through his life (Galatians 5:22). Let him live and walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:25).

Day 5
WORTHINESS
“And so we keep on praying for you, that our God will make you worthy of the life to which He called you. And we pray that

