

Praying for Our New Pastor

We invite you to join in prayer for our new pastor, Jolinne Balentine-Downey, and for our church as we begin a new season of ministry together.

Day 1

“Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in understanding,” (Proverbs 9:10) We pray that our pastor has a fear of the Lord and that she will be wise and have understanding.

Day 2

“If you need wisdom, if you want to know what God wants you to do, ask, and God will gladly tell you...” (James 1:5) We pray for our pastor to have a close relationship with God and will ask God what she should do.

Day 3

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not lean on your own understanding. Seek God’s will in all that you do and God will direct your path.” (Proverbs 3:5-6) We pray that our pastor trusts in God with her whole heart, and that she will seek God in everything and be led as God directs her path.

Day 4

“The sacrifice You want is a broken spirit. A broken and repentant heart, O God, You will not despise.” (Psalm 51:19) We pray that our pastor will have a broken spirit; that she will have a broken and repentant heart which will bring God’s favor.

Day 5

“I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.” (Psalm 119:11) We pray that our pastor will be a woman who hides God’s Word in her heart so that she will not sin against God.

Day 6

“Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8) We pray that our pastor be a woman of prayer who is persistent before God until she has answers, guidance, and results from God.

Day 7

“...We should live in this evil world with self-control, right conduct and devotion to God.” (Titus 2:12b) We pray that God will be with our pastor and help her to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in this present age.

Day 8

“Always be full of joy in the Lord, I say it again, rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4) We ask that our pastor be full of the joy of the Lord, always thankful and rejoicing in God.

Day 9

“Don’t act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do.” (Ephesians 5:17) We ask that our pastor redeem her time and have good priorities in understanding and carrying out what God wants her to do.

Day 10

“Good people are guided by their honesty.” (Proverbs 11:3a) We pray that our pastor will desire honesty, integrity, and loyalty from all.

Day 11

“Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but to trust the Lord means safety.” (Proverbs 29:25) We pray that God will enable our pastor to resist manipulation, pressure, and fear.

Day 12

“And since I, the Lord, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done unto you.” (John 13:14-15) We ask that our pastor have the heart of a servant, willing to serve others and set an example for others to follow. We pray for humility.

Day 13

“For I have passed on to them the words that You gave to me; and they accepted them and know that I came from You, and they believe You sent me.” (John 17:8) We ask that our pastor receive from God the words that she delivers unto us and that we will receive and accept them and know that our pastor has been sent from God and believe the message is from God.

Day 14

“My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father; that just as You are in me and I in You, so they will be in Us, and the world will believe that You sent me.” (John 17:21) We pray that we will become one in spirit with our pastor just as Jesus and God the Father are one. We pray that our unity will cause the world to know that God sent Jesus to save them.

Day 15

“We ask God to give you complete understanding of what God wants you to do in your lives, and we ask God to make you wise with spiritual understanding.” (Colossians 1:9) We pray that our pastor will understand God’s will for her life, and that she will be wise.

Day 16

“Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and you will continually do good, kind things for others. All the while you will come to know God better.”(Colossians 1:10) We ask that our pastor will always honor and please the Lord and that she will continuously do good, kind things for others.

Day 17

“We also pray that you will be strengthened with God’s glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy.” (Colossians 1:11) We pray that our pastor will be strengthened with God’s glorious power so that she will have patience and endurance and will be filled with joy.

Day 18

“So everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ.” (Colossians 1:28a) We pray that our pastor will be passionate about sharing Christ with everyone in every place.

Day 19

“My message and my preaching were very plain. I did not use wise and persuasive speeches, but the Holy Spirit was powerful among you.” (1 Corinthians 2:4) We pray that our pastor will preach God’s message simply and that her messages will demonstrate the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Day 20

“But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you as His children is holy.” (1 Peter 1:15) We pray that our pastor will be holy in all her ways, attitudes, and actions.

Day 21

“So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7) We pray that our pastor will humble herself before God and that she will resist Satan.

Day 22

“When you bow down before the Lord and admit your dependence on God, God will lift you up.” (James 4:10) We pray that our pastor will have a humble heart and will bow before the Lord, depending on God so that God will lift her up.

Day 23

“It is not I but the Father within who does the work.” (John 14:10) We pray that our pastor will know that God always supplies everything necessary to do God’s work.

Day 24

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11) We pray that our pastor will know the reality of this promise and have a sense of God’s plans that will lead to a bright future and a strong hope.

Day 25

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to Him. Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you have been taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done for you.” (Colossians 2:6-7) We pray that our pastor will be obedient to the Lord and be putting down roots in the Lord so that she will be strong in faith and vigorous in the truth she has been taught. We ask that she be filled with thanksgiving for all that God has done.

Day 26

“So my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and steady, always enthusiastic about the Lord’s work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.” (1 Corinthians 15:58) We ask that our pastor be strong, steady, and enthusiastic in the Lord’s work, and we pray that she will know that what is done in the Lord’s strength will never be useless.

Day 27

“Work hard so God can approve you. Be a good worker. One who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the Word of Truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15) We pray that our pastor will be a hard worker who will be God’s servant, and that she will rightly impart the Word of Truth.

Day 28

“Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with My victorious right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10) We pray that our pastor will stand strong and courageous in the Lord. May she be assured of God’s strength and help in her many tasks. May she know God’s victorious right hand will uphold her.

Day 29

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and carry heaven burdens, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28) We pray that our pastor will find her rest in the Lord.

Day 30

“A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.” (Proverbs 17:17) We ask that God will make our pastor a loyal friend and sister to each of us, and that we will be a loyal friend to her, and that all of us will be willing always to help in time of need.