

# 4<sup>nvc</sup> DAYS OF PRAYER

## **Day 1:**

NVC MISSION: "TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST"

Read: Matthew 16:24

Pray: Pray that our church family and leadership would strive to become more like Christ through this transition. Pray that our new pastor will always point us to Him.

## **Day 2:**

NVC MISSION: "FOR GOD'S GLORY"

Read: Psalm 24:7-10

Pray: Pray that the Lord will use NVC to bring Himself glory and that we will honor Him through this search process.

## **Day 3:**

NVC MISSION: "AND OTHERS"

Read: Matthew 16:13-16

Pray: Pray that NVC will be salt and light in our community and throughout the world.

## **Day 4:**

Read: Joshua 1:9

Pray: Pray for each member of the search committee to have an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the pastor search process.

## **Day 5:**

Read: James 1:5-8

Pray: Pray for the search committee to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential pastoral candidates. Pray for church leaders to seek God's wisdom in the interim period.

## **Day 6:**

Read: Proverbs 3:5-6

Pray: Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor. Pray for the search committee to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.

## **Day 7:**

Read: Psalm 51:10-12

Pray: Pray for each member of the search committee to stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him.

## **Day 8:**

Read: Ephesians 4:1-6

Pray: Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for a new pastor. Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search committee as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates.

## **Day 9:**

Read: John 17:20-23

Pray: Pray for the church to be unified so that the world will be impacted with the gospel and the Father will be glorified. Pray for the search committee to be unified in their decision making.

# 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

## **Day 10:**

Read: 1 Peter 5:7

Pray: Pray for mutual respect and humility between the church and your future pastor.

## **Day 11:**

Read: 1 Peter 5:8-9

Pray: Pray for the search committee to remain humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership.

## **Day 12:**

Read: Ephesians 5:15-16

Pray: Pray for the search committee to make wise use of their time during their meetings.

## **Day 13:**

Read: Isaiah 55:6-9

Pray: Pray that in times of discouragement, the search committee and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is at work bringing the church and future pastor together.

## **Day 14:**

Read: Galatians 6:9

Pray: Pray that the search committee and the church will be able to see God's hand at work bringing you and your future pastor together.

## **Day 15:**

Read: John 13:34-35

Pray: Pray for the search committee and the church to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another. Pray the church's Christ-like love will be seen by the world.

## **Day 16:**

Read: Colossians 3:12-17

Pray: Pray for the church to grow in love toward one another. Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the church.

## **Day 17:**

Read: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Pray: Pray for the search committee and the church to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that he is in control of the church's future.

## **Day 18:**

Read: Ephesians 6:10-11

Pray: Pray with the understanding that searching for a pastor is primarily a spiritual process, so spiritual warfare will be present. Pray for God's protection on the search committee and the church.

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## **Day 19:**

Read: Colossians 1:24-29

Pray: Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to your next pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to the future pastor and church. Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in the church to make disciples.

## **Day 20:**

Read: Ephesians 3:20-21

Pray: Pray the power of Christ would be known in and through the church and that all glory would be given to Him throughout the pastor search process.

## **Day 21:**

Read: John 15:9-15

Pray: Pray for church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ. Pray for God to bond the church and future pastor together in love.

## **Day 22:**

Read: 2 Timothy 2:24-26

Pray: Pray for the search committee to discern if potential pastoral candidates possess the biblical qualities of a servant of the Lord. Pray for the church to affirm these qualities in their future pastor.

## **Day 23:**

Read: 1 Peter 5:1-4

Pray: Pray that your future pastor shepherd the church in a biblical and Christ-exalting manner. Pray for your future pastor's walk with Christ.

## **Day 24:**

Read: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Pray: Pray for your future pastor to be a man who exhibits Christ like character both publicly and privately. Pray for your future pastor's family as they transition to a new work.

## **Day 25:**

Read: Proverbs 11:3a

Pray: Pray that our future pastor will live honestly; ask that God will bring a group of men around him to walk with him, providing support and accountability. May he lead the lay leaders, staff and congregation to walk and speak with integrity.

## **Day 26:**

Read: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Pray: Pray for your future pastor and his family to be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ. Pray that your future pastor will be a faithful disciple-maker.

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## **Day 27:**

Read: 1 Peter 1:15

Pray: Pray that our future Pastor will be holy in his thoughts and actions. Ask that he will lead us as a church to walk in holiness.

## **Day 28:**

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Pray: Pray that our future pastor is enthusiastic and consistent in the work the Lord gives him. May he be a willing servant, trusting that God will accomplish His purposes.

## **Day 29:**

Read: James 1:5

Pray: Pray that our future Pastor seeks wisdom from God, trusting that God will provide everything He has promised to His children.

## **Day 30:**

Read: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Pray: Pray for your future pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God. Pray the Lord gives the church a hunger of the Word of God and receptivity to the sermons that are preached by the new pastor.

## **Day 31:**

Read: Proverbs 29:25

Pray: Pray that our future pastor will resist manipulation from men. Ask that the Lord guard his heart from seeking the praise and approval of men.

## **Day 32:**

Read: Ephesians 5:15-17

Pray: Pray that our future pastor will seek the will of God in how to prioritize his time and walk in wisdom. Ask that he lead the lay leaders and the staff in a way to maximize their time and gifts for the glory of God and for the good of the body.

## **Day 33:**

Read: Romans 8:32

Pray: Pray that our future pastor and we as a church will put our confidence in the character and love of God, knowing that He will always give what will be best for us and glorifying to Him.

## **Day 34:**

Read: Isaiah 41:10

Pray: Pray that our future pastor finds courage and strength in the Lord; may he be humbly confident in the Spirit calling him to lead our church. Ask that our church joyfully submits to his vision and leadership as the shepherd God has chosen for us.

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## **Day 35:**

Read: John 13:14-15

Pray: Pray that our future pastor has a servant heart, humbly serving the body as he follows Christ's example and sets an example for those around him.

## **Day 36:**

Read: Colossians 1:9-12

Pray: Pray for your future pastor and his family to be certain that it is God's will to transition into a new field of ministry. Pray the Father will be glorified in the pastor search process.

## **Day 37:**

Read: Jeremiah 33:3

Pray: Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the church not only as you seek God's will for a pastor, but also as you seek God's vision for the church.

## **Day 38:**

Read: Hebrews 13:17

Pray: Pray for your future pastor to faithfully shepherd the church and for members of the church to willingly and joyfully place themselves under his servant leadership.

## **Day 39:**

Read: 1 Samuel 16:7

Pray: Pray that our pastor search team will be led by God to look at the heart of each candidate and find the right pastor for our church, regardless of his education, background or experience.

## **Day 40:**

Read: Acts 13:22

Pray: Pray that our new pastor will, like David, be someone who strives to be a man after God's own heart, eager to do His will.