

Ten Ways to Pray During a Pastoral Transition

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(Scriptures quoted are from the New International Version)

1. Pray for open doors of opportunity :: Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the **door** will be **opened** to you."
2. Pray for unity of the congregation :: Ephesians 4:3, "Make every effort to keep the **unity** of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
3. Pray that the enemy would not gain a foothold :: Psalm 9:9, "The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a **stronghold** in times of trouble."
4. Pray for forgiveness one for another :: Colossians 3:13, "Bear with each other and **forgive one another** if any of you has a grievance against someone. **Forgive** as the Lord forgave you."
5. Pray for a spirit of generosity and for the finances of the church :: 2 Corinthians 8:3, "For I testify that they **gave** as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability."
6. Pray for your leaders as they carry this heavy burden :: Hebrews 13:17, "Have confidence in your **leaders** and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."
7. Pray that a spirit of kindness will prevail :: Colossians 3:12, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, **kindness**, humility, gentleness and patience."
8. Pray that the Church would be focused on its mission not its problems :: Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ..."
9. Pray for the pastor (whose name we do not know yet) who is even now open to God's leading, and that they will sense His leading with clarity.
10. Pray for encouragement :: Hebrews 3:13, "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."