

Sample Monthly Letter From PIT Crew Coordinator

Date:

Dear PIT Crew Team,

I want to express my gratitude to you for your contribution to Pastor Gary's personal intercessory team. God is doing incredible things in our church as a result of your prayers.

We are experiencing a renewed sense of God's presence in our services and last month we had more new people visit our church than in any other month since the church was planted. We also are having more salvations and baptisms than at any time in the history of our church. Pastor Gary attributes this powerful outpouring of God's Spirit to the fervent and faithful prayers of his personal intercessors. He tells me of the encouragement he feels as he preaches every Sunday, knowing that only a short distance away in the prayer room, a group of personal intercessors is lifting him up in prayer.

I'm so excited about where we're going with this ministry in the coming year. I hope you'll renew your commitment to serve on Pastor Gary's intercessory prayer team at our upcoming PIT Crew Breakfast on September 13. (Mark your calendar!)

Enclosed is your Daily Prayer guide for August with Pastor Gary's requests for him, his family, and our church. I've also included the Sunday Morning corporate prayer schedule. Finally, I hope you are as inspired as I was by the enclosed article on prayer from Ministries Today.

Thank you again for your participation in our PIT Crew ministry. Your support of our pastor is resulting in kingdom growth at our church!

Sincerely,

Greg Jones
Pastors' PIT Crew Coordinator
Enclosures

Pastor's Prayer Partners Breakfast Components



Food and Fellowship (30 minutes)

Worship (15 minutes)

Vision-casting by the Leader (15 minutes)

Pastor Expresses Prayer Requests for Himself and the Church (15 minutes)

Everyone Breaks into Groups and Prays for the Pastor/Church Requests (20 minutes)

Prayer Partners Make their Requests (5 minutes)

Partners Pray for Each Other (10 minutes)

Partners Commit to Another Year—commitment cards (5 minutes)

Pastor Closes with a Prayer for His Partners (5 minutes)

"Colossians Claims" for Christian Workers

From Love on its Knees by Dick Eastman

These claims are taken from Colossians 1:9-11. The Amplified Bible is especially descriptive in presenting these verses.

The first set of five claims relates to a release of revelation: God revealing His desired results to the worker.

1. **A Revelation of God's Will.** This claim concerns divine direction. Paul prayed that his fellow workers would be filled with the knowledge of God's will. We need to ask God to reveal his desire concerning that worker for THAT VERY DAY.
2. **A Revelation of God's Wisdom.** This claim concerns divine perception. Paul prayed that the worker would be filled with all wisdom. Ask God to reveal to a worker how he might apply God's plan FOR THAT DAY. Wisdom is common sense. It is knowing where you're going and how to get there. Wisdom is to apply practically what we know theoretically.
3. **A Revelation of God's Understanding.** This claim concerns divine comprehension. All too frequently Christian workers view problems as man sees them, overlooking God's perspective. Paul prayed that his fellow workers would be filled with spiritual understanding. To understand means to perceive or comprehend the nature and significance of a thing. We need to pray that the Christian worker will know what he is to do in situations that develop THAT DAY.
4. **A Revelation of God's Holiness.** This claim concerns divine perfection. Paul prayed that believers in Colosse would walk worthy before God. This means the worker would walk in an understanding of God's holiness as it flows in and through him. One translation of the verse reads: "That you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way." Here we claim that God's holiness will manifest itself in and through the worker for whom we pray ON THIS SPECIFIC DAY.
5. **A Revelation of God's Pleasure.** This claim concerns divine gratification. Paul prayed that his fellow workers would walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing. It is to pray that a worker's every act that day would bring gratification to the Lord.

"Colossians Claims" for Christian Workers Contd.

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The second set of five claims relates to an increase of blessings from the Lord for the worker.

6. **An Increase of Effectiveness.** The focus here is on increased productivity. Paul prayed that his fellow workers would be "fruitful in every good work". He was claiming that their effectiveness would increase at every level. Ask God to give them lasting fruit as a result of THAT DAY'S ACTIVITIES.
7. **An Increase of Devotional Growth.** Here the focus is on increased spirituality. Paul requests that his fellow Christians would increase in the knowledge of God. It is possible to increase in the knowledge of God only with a strong devotional life. We should pray that the worker would grow in a hunger for God and His Word.
8. **An Increase of Strength.** This focus concerns increased durability. Paul desires that his fellow workers would be strengthened with all might according to God's glorious power. Every worker needs a daily renewal of both physical and spiritual strength. In touching a laborer through prayer, we should claim for the worker a baptism of "fresh oil." (Psalm 92: 10)
9. **An Increase of Patience.** This claim touches increased tenacity. Tenacity is the quality of holding tightly to a task or promise no matter the circumstance. Paul's desire for his fellow soldiers is that they would be strengthened unto all patience and longsuffering. Patience is the ability to wait under pressure. Longsuffering is the ability to put up with difficult situations for extended periods of time. Longsuffering is what might be termed extended patience. Pray that God will give the worker a quiet confidence in Him that manifests itself in an increased measure of patience.
10. **An Increase of Joy.** This intercession concerns increased joy for the worker. When Paul says that his companions will be "strengthened unto all patience and longsuffering," he adds "with joyfulness." All the claims on this list should be saturated with joy. Fruitfulness should be mixed with joy. Spirituality should be bathed in joy. Strength flows from joy. "The joy of the Lord is our strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)

AND IN CONCLUSION "...giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light" (Col. 1:12, NIV).

How to Pray for a Spiritual Leader



The outline that follows is for your use as a reference tool as you pray for a particular leader. We cannot lay our hands on our manuals and say, “God, do it!” The Holy Spirit must quicken each prayer time. First Corinthians 14:15 tells us to pray with the Spirit and with understanding. We must trust God to give us specifics regarding the needs of the one we are praying for, in addition to the areas mentioned in this manual. It is vital that the insights we receive from the Lord as we pray only be used for intercession and not as an item for discussion with others (Ps. 25:14).

PERSONAL LIFE

Relationship with God

1. Sensitivity to the Lord
2. Openhearted and tender for obedience
3. Private times with the Lord to be vital, fresh and productive
4. Fellowship and communion with God remains number one priority
5. Receive personal direction, vision and teaching

Priorities

1. Discernment to know what they are
2. Wisdom on how to apportion time
3. Discernment and strength to maintain
4. Awareness that they are unique to each person
5. Open to God’s adjustments and changes

Fellowship

1. Available on their level of maturity
2. Determination to maintain
3. Not to be crowded out by responsibilities
4. Wisdom not to invest all in one person
5. Wisdom and discernment concerning opposite sex
6. How to deal with loneliness and aloneness

Wisdom

1. Not settling for past wisdom to get by but desiring new wisdom for every situation
2. The need for discernment between your wisdom and God’s
3. Godly wisdom for spiritual, emotional and physical decisions (Col.1:9;12; Prov. 28:5)
4. The Spirit of wisdom (Eph. 1:17)
5. The Holy Spirit would continually remind the leader to seek the Lord’s wisdom

Health

1. Divine health—emotionally, mentally, and physically
2. Freedom from the effects of weariness
3. Supernatural strength—spiritually, emotionally, physically (Ps. 68:35)
4. Desire to care for physical body
5. Ability to rest completely (Ps. 127:2)
6. Wisdom and self-control in work, sleep & eating habits (Phil. 3:19; 1 Cor. 9:27)
7. Time for enjoyable exercise

Temptations

1. Bind outside influences, controls, pressures, including ungodly desires of heart
2. Not to be trapped by the personal desire to “be somebody”
3. That there would be a desire to build God’s kingdom and not one’s own (Lk. 11:2)
4. That their hearts’ desires would be to serve, not to control, manipulate or rule (Mk. 10:43-45; Phil. 2:3-8)
5. Ability to harness ambition
6. Revelation of where he and others fit into God’s plans

Sexual

1. Bind outside influences, controls and pressures
2. Discernment to detect traps of the enemy
3. Strength to resist the spirit of seduction
4. Wisdom in knowing the difference between love and lust
5. Strength to overcome and wisdom to direct all desires of the flesh (1 Thess. 4:38)

Financial

1. Bind outside influences, controls, pressures
2. Revelation that God alone is provider
3. Ability to be content—to abound or be abased (Phil. 4:11-13)

Attitude

1. Thoughts and emotions develop attitudes, which become actions
2. Discerning wrong attitudes with the courage and ability to change them into godly attitudes (Phil. 3:15)
3. Competition to be changed to unity (Phil. 2:23)
4. Independence to be changed to interdependence (Eph. 2:21)
5. Superiority to be changed to humility (Mk. 9:35)
6. Defensiveness to be changed to openness for cooperation
7. Divisiveness to be changed to embracing of the whole body of Christ (Eph. 2:14)

Evidence of Holy Spirit

1. Graciousness with firmness (2 Tim. 2:25)
2. Mercy, compassion and forbearance (Eph. 4:2)
3. Desire to bring restoration to all (2 Cor. 5:18; Gal. 6:1)

Motives

1. Pure (Mt. 5:8)
2. Whole and complete in Christ
3. Open to God to reveal if not right
4. Awareness that God alone knows true motives (Heb. 4:12; Ps. 139:1)

RENEWED VISION (Prov. 29:18)

Clarity

1. Patience for the fulfillment (Hab. 2:3)
2. That the adversary would be unable to cloud, divert, or accelerate
3. To stop the mouths of the lions that speak against the vision (Ps. 22:13,21)
4. Outreach to others' visions with honest support and encouragement (I Tim. 2:8; Phil. 2:4)
5. A wall of fire to protect (Zech. 2:5)

THE MINISTRY

Leadership

1. Purpose to equip the saints (Eph. 4:12; 2 Tim. 3:17)
2. Revelation and sensitivity in the Word (2 Tim. 2:15)
3. Messages that are Spirit and life (Jn. 6:63)
4. Anointing to flow
5. Communicate with simplicity and clarity (Col. 4:4)
6. Anointing to pray and minister to people with discernment and wisdom (1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Tim. 4:2)
7. Free flow of the gifts of the Spirit
8. Relationship with staff: wisdom to deal with them as individuals (Col. 4:6)
9. Sensitivity in imparting the vision of the ministry
10. Ability to delegate—and leave it with the person
11. Communicate clearly and completely

Staff

1. Desire to understand and share the vision of the ministry
2. Faithfulness to their commitment (Col. 3:23)
3. Fulfilled in their own relationship with the Lord
4. To enhance and strengthen rather than detract or drain
5. Supportive but honest
6. That there would be a team attitude (1 Cor. 3:19)
7. Anointing to do their job
8. Desire to grow spiritually and in job skills

Those Receiving Ministry and Donors

1. Open hearts—teachable (1 Thess. 2:13; Lk. 8:415)
2. Supportive and responsive (1 Thess. 5:12,13)
3. Generous and faithful (Phil. 4:15,17)
4. Hungry and thirsty for God
5. Seekers of God and His will and ways
6. Free from dead tradition

FAMILY

Leader

1. Responsibility for provision emotionally, physically, and spiritually as well as materially (1 Tim. 5:8)
2. Ministry concerns won't crowd out any area of family need
3. Sensitivity to recognize needs quickly
4. Ability to communicate
5. Time to listen to each without divided interest

Family Unit

1. Understanding and flow of unity
2. No resentment when valid sacrifices have to be made
3. Sharing the vision of ministry; comprehending how to be an active part
4. Embracing the vision with wisdom and enthusiasm

Spouse

1. Desire to complement and complete leader
2. True spiritual unity and love flow
3. Discernment for what spouse really needs
4. Fruit of Spirit to flow
5. Fulfillment of own spiritual relationship with God
6. Strength to cope with stress and pressures
7. Ability to resist trying to live up to others' expectations
8. Revelation of their importance in the fulfillment of the call to ministry

Children

1. To develop a true and intimate relationship, of their own, with the Lord
2. Love, patience, and understanding
3. That their needs would be met with regard to school, studies, friends
4. Flexibility
5. Good relationship with brothers and sisters
6. No resentment or competition with ministry staff
7. Security in parents' love
8. Strength to cope with stress and pressures
9. Ability to resist trying to live up to others' expectations

Financial Provision

1. Provision of all needs and some wants (I Tim. 5:18)
2. Family provision not have to be used for the ministry (Phil. 4:19)
3. Faith to believe for their own special needs
4. Revelation of the joy of giving (1 Chron. 29:9)

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The PIT Crew Is Now Forming!



What is a PIT Crew? PIT stands for Pastor's Intercessory Team. Jesus asked His disciples to pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane and again, in Ephesians 6, the Apostle Paul said, "and pray on my behalf." Pastors and leaders need prayer and it is my prayer that you would be interested in being part of the crew.

The function of the PIT Crew is to be praying for the general and specific needs and requests of our pastors. You will be praying individually and in your home most of the time, but will also pray on a rotating basis with others in the prayer room during the worship services. If you are in the worship service, please pray silently as the Spirit leads you. Also we will meet together once a month as a group to pray for our pastor's protection, well-being, and special requests.

One person will act as the Crew Chief and the pastors will give their requests to this person. The requests will then be regularly conveyed to each member of the PIT Crew.

If you are willing to commit to 12 months on the PIT Crew, please sign your name below. Your commitment is to (1) pray daily for your pastor and his needs as he advises you of them (2) pray for urgent items when needed (a covering of protection for trips, special events...) and (3) to share and pray with other PIT Crew members when God lays a special burden on your heart for your pastor in a specific area. Your pledge will include a promise to pray with confidentiality, not revealing to anyone except Almighty God the things that you and the other PIT Crew members are praying about for our pastors. The pastors need to trust those who are praying for their specific needs.

Name _____

Date _____

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR DEDICATION TO PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR PASTORS!