

God gave Joshua the assignment of his lifetime, along with instructions for success. He was to lead Israel toward the fulfillment of God's promise of a new land for His people. But success was dependent on obedience:

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful" (Joshua 1:7-8).

Take courage. Know God's Word. Speak it. Obey it. This is how you will prosper. Joshua and his army eventually conquered the land, but not without challenges, rebukes, and redirection. But as they stayed faithful to God, God delivered on all His promises.

Pastors have their own assignments of a lifetime. God has called them to lead, preach the Word, and direct their congregations toward devotion and obedience to the Lord alone. Let's pray that God revives them to their calling, assures them of His presence, and delivers on all His promises to bless and prosper them in obedience to God Almighty.

**1** The Lord tells Joshua several times to "be strong and courageous." As you pray for pastors, ask God to revive them with a fresh boldness to embrace their calling and believe God for Kingdom advancement (Joshua 1:6).

**2** As God prepares Joshua to lead the people, He assures him that "the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Pray for pastors to be revived with a renewed assurance of God's presence as they lead their congregations (Joshua 1:9).

**3** Joshua tells the people to prepare themselves "to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own." Pray for pastors to cast fresh vision for saturating their communities with the gospel. Pray that people will respond with passion to reach the lost (Joshua 1:11).

**4** Prior to crossing the Jordan River, Joshua declares to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you." Ask God to revive pastors with boldness to call their congregations to repentance and holiness, so that they are filled with the Spirit's power (Joshua 3:5).

**5** Joshua instructed the people to build a stone memorial as a remembrance of God's faithfulness for future generations. Pray that pastors will lead their congregations in prayers of gratitude for the wonderful ways God has worked in their midst (Joshua 4:4-7).

**6** Pastors model faithfulness to God. Pray for your pastor to have the confidence to declare, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Pray for his family and congregation to join him in such faithfulness! (Joshua 24:15).

**7** Pray for God's protection over your pastor's marriage. Ask God to revive his love for his spouse, that he might be "blameless, faithful to his wife." Pray that in times of weakness or temptation, he will call upon the Lord for strength (Titus 1:6a).

**8** Pray for your pastor's children and grandchildren, that they might "believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient." Ask God to give wisdom in raising children and guiding them toward unwavering faith in Christ (Titus 1:6b).

**9** A pastor's family can be subjected to scrutiny, which adds additional pressure. Pray that your pastors will be graced with favor and wisdom from God to raise their children and "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Pray for your congregation to be loving and supportive (Ephesians 6:4).

**10** Pray that your pastor "may enjoy good health and that all may go well with [him], even as [his] soul is getting along well." Pray that he will experience revival in his walk with the Lord (3 John 2).

**11** Pray for your pastor's spiritual, physical, and emotional health, that he might cast his cares on the Lord and know that God will sustain him. Pray that he rests in knowing that God "will never let the righteous be shaken" (Psalm 55:22).

**12** Pray for pastors to be revived in their “hope in the LORD,” that their strength might be renewed and “they will run and not grow weary … walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

**13** Although pastors face many challenges, pray that they will “not become weary in doing good.” Ask God to revive their belief in God’s promise to “reap a harvest if [they] do not give up” (Galatians 6:9).

**14** Pray that pastors will stand firm in truth in a hostile culture. Ask God to increase their determination to “let nothing move [them],” that they may know that their “labor in the Lord is not in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

**15** Pray that pastors will know God’s pleasure as they faithfully serve Him. Ask God to show them that “he will not forget [their] work and the love [they] have shown him as [they] have helped his people and continue to help them” (Hebrews 6:10).

**16** Pray that God will affirm pastors as the shepherds of His flock, knowing that their congregations are under their care as they watch over them. Pray that they will serve out of humility, “not lording it over those entrusted to [them]” (1 Peter 5:2-3).

**17** Ask God to remind pastors that as the “Chief Shepherd,” He will reward them with the “crown of glory that will never fade away.” Pray they will be revived with hope and vision in their calling as shepherds of God’s flock (1 Peter 5:4).

**18** Pray for your pastor to be a shepherd after God’s own heart, “who will lead [them] with knowledge and understanding.” Ask God to make His Word come alive and fresh to your pastor each week (Jeremiah 3:15).

**19** Pray for your pastor to faithfully “preach the word” and “be prepared in season and out of season.” Pray for increased assurance of God’s Word to transform lives—and more opportunities to preach the uncompromising truth (2 Timothy 4:2a).

**20** Ask God to give your pastor confidence to rely on God’s Word to “correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” Pray for your congregation to receive truth with humility, allowing God to do a reviving work in their lives (2 Timothy 4:2b).

**21** Pray for pastors who are weary and struggling, that they might remember that God’s “grace is sufficient” for them and His “power is made perfect in weakness.” Pray that they will gladly proclaim Christ’s power in them (2 Corinthians 12:9).

**22** Ask God to empower pastors with His Spirit so that others can “consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” Pray that they stay faithful to God’s Word, their marriages, their families—and in all things reflect the love of Christ (Hebrews 13:7).

**23** Pray for pastors to be revived in their awe of God alone, remembering that “fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe” (Proverbs 29:25).

**24** Pray that the “God of peace” will equip pastors as shepherds “with everything good for doing his will,” and that God will work in them “what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever” (Hebrews 13:20-21).

**25** Pray for your pastor to be revived in his soul, so that he can work at his calling with all his heart, “as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” Ask the Spirit to continually remind him that “it is the Lord Christ [he is] serving” (Colossians 3:23-24).

**26** Ask God to revive your pastor’s prayer life to believe that God is “able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us” (Ephesians 3:20-21).

**27** Pray for pastors to be revived with visions for their communities, that they might act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God. Pray for a spiritual awakening in your community that draws lost and needy people to Christ (Micah 6:8).

**28** Pray for the Spirit to revive pastors with the truth that “the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.” Ask God to make them spiritual prayer warriors in His Kingdom (2 Timothy 1:7).

**29** Pray that pastors are stirred by the Spirit to “not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.” Ask God to give them courage to be willing to suffer for the gospel, “by the power of God” (2 Timothy 1:8).

**30** Ask God to remind pastors that they are chosen and appointed by God. Pray for a season of revival and the greatest bearing of “fruit that will last.” May pastors boldly ask the Father for the greatest harvest ever! (John 15:16).

**31** Pray that pastors will “know with all [their hearts and souls] that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave [them] has failed.” Pray that they will rejoice in how God is giving them the land and that every promise of God is being fulfilled (Joshua 23:14).