
Praying For Leaders In The Church

Introductory Question

1. If you were (or, are) a leader in your church, what would be the biggest leadership struggle?

Observe

See what the Bible actually says.

In this study we will not look at only one prayer. There is no New Testament prayer specifically for church leaders. Instead, we will seek to gain insight from a number of related passages.

2. Fill in the following table, simply noting a) what the passage says about the role of leaders, and b) what prayer requests, or topics, are mentioned. Not all of the passages will say something about each question. You might not even think the passage is relevant!

	The role of the leader	Prayer request or topic
Acts 12:5		
Acts 20:28-38		
1 Timothy 2:1-4		
1 Thessalonians 5:12-13		
Hebrews 13:17-19		
2 Thessalonians 3:1-2		
Colossians 4:2-4		
Ephesians 6:18-20		

Romans 15:30-32		
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Understand

What is the significance of what you have seen?

- 3. There are many different leadership roles but try to summarise what the passages say about the role of a leader in the church?**
- 4. If no one was praying for those leaders, what aspects of that role would be impossible?**
- 5. What prayer topics are found in more than one passage above? Are those ones particularly important? Why do you say that?**
- 6. What important prayer topics for leaders have not be mentioned in those passages?**
- 7. What three prayer topics do you think are most crucial for the leaders in your church?**

Why did you choose those ones?

8. If God answered those three prayers, what would change in your church?

Apply

9. Write down the names of the key leaders in your church/organisation.

10. Write another list of other leaders in your church that you know of.

11. Pray for them, remembering to prioritise the three prayer priorities identified in question 7.

12. Do you believe God is asking you to regularly prayer for the leaders in your church (and maybe other churches)? If so, make a commitment to pray for them frequently.