

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Sunday, October 31, 2021

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Almighty God, we thank you for the men and women whom you have called and set apart for full time ministry.

We pray that our ministers may exercise proper stewardship over the church and keep watch over the flock of Christ at all times. As our ministers exercise the authority with which they have been entrusted, may they do so with genuine love and care. We pray that you will bind every spirit of pride and arrogance. May our ministers remain steadfast in preaching your word and in ministering to your people in season and out of season, in correcting, rebuking and encouraging others; ever mindful that as much as they minister to the least of your flock, they minister to you. May the service that our ministers offer be a source of strength and joy to others.

Gracious Father, we thank you for your sustaining grace extended to our ministers and their families knowing that tasks of ministry can be difficult and daunting. We pray for the preservation of our ministers as they lead in these challenging times and may they never become discouraged, knowing that they will reap great blessings if they faint not, nor become weary in well doing.

Father God, we pray that you will raise up new ministers after your own heart who will lead with knowledge and understanding. In these challenging times with so many distractions, we pray that you will inspire more young men and women to offer for the ordained ministry. May they seek first your kingdom and trust you to direct their path.

Finally, O Merciful Father, we bring before our entire Church family, the flock of Christ. We lay before you all our needs, cares and fears for you are the great burden bearer. Father God, we pray that you will remove our fears and rid us of all anxieties. Bless us and make us a blessing to others.

All these mercies we ask in the precious name of Jesus our Saviour and our Lord. **AMEN.**

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