

**St. Matthews ECC Kunkletown**  
**Pastoral Search 40-Day Prayer Guide**

*"What an extraordinary privilege united prayer is! What a potential power it has! Who can say what blessing might be gained, if in every church united effective prayer was regarded as one of the chief purposes for which they are bonded together; if in the universal Church the coming of the Kingdom and of the King Himself were really a matter of unceasing, united crying to God!"*  
*Andrew Murray – With Christ In The School of Prayer*

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

**Matthew 18:20**

May God bless us with the fullness of His Presence as we, the body of Christ, join together in humble, fervent prayer.

**Day 1**

Scripture Reading: Proverb 3:5-6

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor.

Pray for the Search Team to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.

Pray for the pastor God has chosen for us that they will seek and trust the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Day 2**

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:3

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray that a burden for deep and urgent prayer permeates the church not only as you seek God's will for a pastor, but also as you seek God's direction for the church.

**Day 3**

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for your church to grow in love with one another.

Pray for unresolved conflict to be worked out and for reconciliation among any broken relationships in the church.

**Day 4**

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:14-22

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the church to fight against lukewarm spirituality.

Pray for church members to repent of a lukewarm spirituality and become filled with a zeal for Jesus and His Kingdom's work.

**Day 5**

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-15

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for church members to abide in the love of Christ and love one another with the love of Christ.

Pray for God to bond the church and future pastor together in love.

### **Day 6**

Scripture Reading: Act 2:41-42

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the church to reflect the following elements of a healthy church both in the interim period and when the new pastor is called to serve.

(Essential elements: worship, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, evangelism, and prayer)

### **Day 7**

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the church to be filled with life through the Holy Spirit. Pray for the church to be strengthened to carry out the vision of the Great Commission. Prayerfully read Matthew 28:16-20 and let God speak to your heart.

### **Day 8**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:20-21

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray the power of Christ would be known in and through the church and that all glory would be given to Him throughout the pastoral search process.

### **Day 9**

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the church to return to her first love, Jesus Christ.

Pray for the church & the Search Team to hear the Holy Spirit clearly throughout the pastor search process.

Pray for our future pastors, that they desire above all to glorify Jesus Christ in their life.

### **Day 10**

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray that Christ's attitude of humility and servanthood permeates both the Search Team and the church during the pastoral search process.

### **Day 11**

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for church members to continually abide in Christ and produce much fruit that glorifies the Father during the interim period.

Pray that the coming pastor and their family will draw closer to Christ as God prepares them for this calling.

### **Day 12**

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the church to be committed to biblical worship.  
Pray for the Search Team to be confident that they are following God's will as they make decisions regarding your future pastor.

### **Day 13**

Scripture Reading: James 4:1-12

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for church members to humble themselves before the Lord and seek His cleansing power for revival to come.  
Pray for the Search Team to continually submit to God's will.

### **Day 14**

Scripture Reading: John 17:20-23

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the church to be unified so that the world will be impacted by the gospel and the Father will be glorified.  
Pray for the Search Team to continually submit to God's will.

### **Day 15**

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-13

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the Search Team, the church body, our staff, and the future pastor to hope in God and seek Him wholeheartedly with the realization that God is in control of the church's future.

### **Day 16**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:10-12

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for each member of the Search Team to stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him.  
Pray for the next pastor to keep a cleansed heart before the Lord.

### **Day 17**

Scripture Reading: John 15:16-17

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for a season of fruitful ministry as the church prepares for the next pastor.  
Pray for the Search Team to be blessed with answered prayers.  
Pray that the future pastor and their family will be blessed as they seek to obey God's calling.

### **Day 18**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:23-24

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for members of the Search Team to have humble hearts before God that are pure and Christ-like as they work through the pastoral search process.

Ask God to reveal your heart to you, and to show you those areas He wishes to work in your life to make you more like Christ.

Pray for your future pastor, that their heart remains humble and pure before God.

### **Day 19**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-11

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray with the understanding that searching for a pastor is primarily a spiritual process, so spiritual warfare will be present.

Pray for God's protection of the Search Team, the church, and our future pastor and their family.

### **Day 20**

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for mutual respect and humility between the church and your future pastor.

Pray for the church to follow the leadership of your future pastor.

### **Day 21**

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:5-11

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the Search Team to remain humble before God and that they will not be anxious, but trust God's leadership.

Pray that the church will stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

### **Day 22**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-16

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the Search Team to make wise use of their time during their meetings.

Pray for the Lord to reveal His will to your future pastor.

### **Day 23**

Scripture Reading: John 13:34-35

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the Search Team and the church to be obedient to Christ's command to love one another.

Pray the church's Christ-like love will be seen in our community and in our nation.

### **Day 24**

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:9

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for each member of the Search Team to have an overwhelming sense of God's presence and guidance as they work through the steps of the pastoral search process.

### **Day 25**

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:24-26

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the Search Team to discern if potential pastoral candidates possess the biblical qualities of a servant of the Lord.

Pray for the church to affirm these qualities in their future pastor.

### **Day 26**

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:9

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the Search Team to not grow weary in their work.

Pray that the Search Team and the church will be able to see God's hand at work bringing you and your future pastor together.

### **Day 27**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray that in times of discouragement, the Search Team and the church will seek the Lord diligently and have confidence that He is at work bringing the church and future pastor together.

### **Day 28**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for a pastor.

Pray for a strong sense of unity among the Search Team as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates.

Pray for our future pastor that they and their family will have unity of heart with God.

### **Day 29**

Scripture Reading: James 1:5-8

#### **Prayer Prompts**

Pray for the Search Team to seek God's wisdom as they review resumes and prepare to contact potential pastoral candidates.

Pray for church leadership to seek God's wisdom in the interim period.

**Day 30**

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:15

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for a pastor who is able to rightly divide the Word of God.  
Pray for the Search Team as they listen to sermons of potential pastoral candidates.

**Day 31**

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for your future pastor to faithfully preach the Word of God.  
Pray that the Lord gives the church a hunger for the Word of God and receptivity to the sermons that are preached by the new pastor.

**Day 32**

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:17

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for your future pastor to faithfully shepherd the church and for the members of the church to place themselves willingly and joyfully under his servant leadership.

**Day 33**

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:2-6

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for your future pastor to seek God's wisdom in every area of life and decision-making.  
Pray for the Search Team to be attentive to the Lord's wisdom.

**Day 34**

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for your future pastor and their family to be strengthened by the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Pray that your future pastor will be a faithful disciple-maker.

**Day 35**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for your church to be a Great Commission church that makes disciples.  
Pray that your future pastor will be a Great Commission leader.

**Day 36**

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-4

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray that your future pastor will shepherd the church in a biblical and Christ-exalting manner.  
Pray for your future pastor's walk with Christ.

**Day 37**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for your future pastor to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ.

Pray for the church to look to Christ as the Head of the body.

**Day 38**

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for your next pastor to be a person who exhibits Christ-like character both publicly and privately.

Pray for your future pastor/s family as they transition to a new workplace.

**Day 39**

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-12

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray for your future pastor and their family to be certain that it is God's will to transition to a new field of ministry.

Pray that Father God will be glorified in the pastor search process.

**Day 40**

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:24-29

**Prayer Prompts**

Pray that when the time comes to extend a call to your next pastor, God will make it unmistakably clear to the future pastor and the church.

Pray for the Lord to work powerfully in the church to make disciples.

