

A Call to Prayer for the Senior Pastor Call Process

In his May 2007 devotion series on the call process, Pastor Kerry Nelson of Houston, Texas wrote the following: *"If ever there is a time in a congregation when the whole crew needs to be called to prayer it is during that time of waiting during a pastoral transition. Every family needs a prayer card on their kitchen table reminding them to be praying about and for their next pastor. Every congregational gathering, every Sunday School class, every worship service needs to include petitions that God might send just the right person to them and that God might bless their call committee with discernment as they work the process. Every pastor needs to see God at work behind and in the midst of the call process. It isn't about applying and interviewing for a job, and it isn't a beauty contest – it is a time to cooperate with God, to rely on the counsel of trusted friends, to listen closely to their own "insides" and be open to surprises. Steeping the call process in prayer on both sides prepares for the beginning of a new relationship that is dedicated to God's purposes and trusts God's provision."*

The members of the Senior Pastor Call Committee invite you to join us in prayer for all of those involved in the Senior Pastor Call Process and ask that you consider using the following prayers in your daily devotions and as part of the opening and/or closing devotions for meetings and gatherings at Trinity. Through prayer, please help all of us to keep our focus on what God wants for Trinity.

Sunday - General Prayer

Gracious and giving God, we ask that Your Holy Spirit guide those involved in the call process for our new Senior Pastor. May they be led and encouraged to carry out Your will in our mission and ministry at Trinity. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Monday – Prayer for the Senior Pastor Call Committee

Dear Lord, through Your Holy Spirit, provide inspiration and wisdom to the call committee. Please grant them discernment as each senior pastor candidate is considered. May they trust Your will and have the courage to act on it. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Tuesday – Prayer for Potential Candidates

Dear Father, we pray that potential senior pastor candidates be sensitive to Your will and Trinity's needs as they consider submitting themselves to the call process. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Wednesday – Prayer for the Bishop and Staff

Dear Lord, we pray that wisdom and insight be granted to Bishop Hoover and his staff, that they might put forth a candidate who will fulfill Your plan for us. In Your holy name. Amen.

Thursday – Prayer for the Congregation Council

Our Father in heaven, we pray for the members of our Congregation Council who will be faced with many challenges throughout the year, but none more important than the calling of a senior pastor. May they be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they consider the recommendation of the call committee. We ask this of You. Amen.

Friday – Prayer for Members of Trinity

Dear Lord, I pray that You will open my heart, my mind, and my spirit to welcome whomever You call to the position of Senior Pastor of Trinity. With Your help, I promise to commit myself to support the mission and ministry of the church. Amen.

Saturday - Prayer for Pastors and Church Staff

Dear God, we thank You for blessing us with dedicated pastors and staff. May they feel the support of Your Holy Spirit during this time of transition. In Jesus' name. Amen.