

Prayers Of The Elder

Oh Father please . . .

Help me keep watch over myself and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made me an overseer. Help me shepherd the church of God faithfully, which He bought with His own blood! Acts 20:28

Help me to be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. Please help me manage my own family well and see that my children obey me with proper respect. Please keep me from ever becoming conceited and from falling under the same judgment as the devil. Please help me to have a good reputation with outsiders so that I will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap! 1 Timothy 3:2-4, 6-7

Help me to be blameless – not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, help me to be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. Help me hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that I can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it! Titus 1:7-9

Help me to shepherd God's flock, not because I must, but because I am willing, as God wants me to be. Please make me not greedy for money, but eager to serve. Help me not to lord my authority over those entrusted to me, but help me to be an example to the flock. Help me to so serve and shepherd God's flock so that when the Chief Shepherd appears, I may receive the crown of glory that will never fade away! 1 Peter 5:2-4

Help me keep watch over the sheep as one who must give an account. Please make my work as an elder a joy to me and not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to the sheep. Hebrews 13:17

Help me not lord my authority over the faith of Your people, but help me be a worker for their joy! 2 Corinthians 1:24

Help me not cease to pray for Your people! May Your Church be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding; may we live a life worthy of You, fully pleasing You, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of You! May we be strengthened with all power, according to Your glorious might, so that we might have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to You, Who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light! Colossians 1:9-12

Help my love and Your Church's love to abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that we may be able to discern what is best and be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to Your glory and praise! Philippians 1:9-11

Out of Your glorious riches, please strengthen me and all Your Church with power in our inner beings so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. May we be rooted and established in love and have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:16-19

. . . For Jesus' sake – Amen!