

4. Pray for current church leaders interspersing the prayers with the sung Taizé chant *“O lord hear my prayer.”*
  - a. Pray for God’s blessing on their ministries and that they will be accepted by the people that they are leading.
  - b. Pray for God’s protection over their lives, relationships and ministries from the traps and snares of the evil one.
  - c. Pray that they will hold onto their joy in spite of everything they have to deal with in ministry.
  - d. Pray for wisdom to know what to do in each situation they face.
  - e. Pray for refreshment, restoration, rest and renewal.
  
5. Read Colossians 1:9-14 and then pray for any leaders in training you know or current church leaders as Paul prayed....ie pray that:
  - a. they will understand God's will and gain spiritual wisdom;
  - b. they live a life pleasing and honouring to God, bearing good fruit;
  - c. they get to know God better and better;
  - d. they are filled with God's strength;
  - e. they have great endurance and patience and stay full of Christ's joy;
  - f. they are always thankful, remembering God's forgiveness of them.

# Praying Together Resources

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together around the  
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“Recruiting more  
Clergy”

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## Ideas for praying around the theme of: "Recruiting more clergy"

The following are ideas to help a church prayer meeting pray around the theme of "Recruiting more clergy."

1. Invite the clergy of the Parish to be present at the prayer meeting, and ask them beforehand to bring along a couple of prayer requests.
  - a. Many people don't know what clergy actually do so ask them to share briefly what they might do in a week.
  - b. Spend some time thanking the Lord for your clergy and for their service of the church / Parish.
  - c. Pray for the different prayer requests that have been shared and for the work they are doing that week.
  - d. Lay hands on the clergy and invite the Holy Spirit to fill them again, equipping them with wisdom, love, patience and all that they need.
  - e. Pray blessing over the families of the clergy.
  - f. Thank the Lord for the diocesan bishops and the senior diocesan staff and ask Him to continue to equip them in their ministry.

2. Give each person a copy Titus 1:5b-9 from the Message Version of the Bible.
  - a. Invite people to underline the biblical characteristics of a church leader (recognising that we have both male and female leaders)
  - b. Go around the group and people take it in turns to pray, asking the Lord to call new leaders into the church with 1 or 2 of the character traits that they have underlined. Pray until all these character traits have been covered.
  - c. Pray that the number of people offering for ordination will grow year by year.
3. Place a bowl of water and a towel in the centre of the group.
  - a. Read Matthew 20:25-28 and then pray for the Lord to call leaders with servant hearts; those who will be fully submitted to Jesus and faithful to Him.

Place a shepherd's staff in the centre of the group

- b. Read 1Peter 5:2-4 and then pray for the Lord to call leaders with the heart of a shepherd; those who are willing to lead God's people tenderly and with God's compassion.

Place a picture of a heart in the centre of the group

- c. Read 1Samuel 16:7 and then pray for the Lord to call leaders who are men and women after God's own heart.