



Pastor Steve Krebill

Praying for Pastor Steve's Sabbatical Time

- To experience genuine sabbatical rest....physical and spiritual renewal
- To reflect personally on what God has done, is doing and wants to do in and through him
- To gain new perspective on what the Lord is doing in His church
- That his mind be open to new ideas and learning through his study, reading and reflection
- To return with a clear sense of mission and renewed energy to accomplish it
- To capture a fresh vision and passion of what God has in mind for Bethel
- Bless him with rich study time
- That the strength of God equip him & fill him with courage for every task
- May the Spirit of God empower him
- May the wisdom of God instruct him
- That he may find comfort & peace in you, refreshed and renewed by your power in every aspect of his life
- For a discerning mind to prioritize what is most important
- May the shield of God defend him and bring him safely back to us



Praying for our congregation's sabbatical time....

- That we may carry out faithfully and with joy and hope the ministry to which we are called
- That we would capture a fresh vision and passion of what God has in mind for Bethel
- Our worship, that it would be pleasing to God
- For the energy and commitment for the volunteers and church leaders who are taking over the many jobs that Pastor does while he is away
- That the gospel would go forth in power as it is declared through songs, prayers, the sermon, scripture readings and in our conversations.
- That Christ would be magnified in the eyes, ears and hearts of everyone in the congregation and who attend worship and that God would illuminate and awaken the spirit of every person
- Lift up the worship leaders and speakers that will visit our church.. Let them teach with wisdom and speak truth.

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Scripture based prayers to pray for our pastor and congregation

Pastor – Lord, I lift up my pastor to You. Thank You for his servant's heart. Keep him from losing heart when ministry gets tough. Let the mind of Christ be strong in him. Teach him Your ways so that he knows You and finds favor with You as He leads us. Keep him open and honest before You and help him to represent the truth plainly. (2 Cor. 4:1; 1 Cor. 4:1-3 Ex. 33:13)

Lord, I lift up the **adults** in my congregation to You. May we live worthy of Your call on our lives. As we respond to that call, fulfill every purpose, every faith-filled act of service by Your power. Help us keep in step with You as we live by You. Reign in us so that we experience Your freedom. Lead us into grace, life and peace. (Eph. 4:30; 1 Thes. 5:19; Acts 7:51; Jn. 16:8; Ps. 143:10; Gal. 5:25; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:18; Ro. 8:6; Eph. 4:1; 2 Thes. 1:11; Ps. 132:9; Isa. 61:10; Rev. 3:4)

Finances – Lord, I lift up our church finances. May we sow generously into our church without reluctance or compulsion. Make all grace abound so we have all we need for every good work You've assigned us. Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised. (2 Cor. 9:6-11; Mal. 3:10)

Seniors – Lord, I lift up the senior members of our congregation. Thank You for every gray hair attained by righteous living. We are blessed by their example and ability to train us. Help us benefit from their wisdom and understanding. Help them receive the strength and power You've promised to the weary and weak. May they put their hope in You and be renewed in the process. (Prov. 16:31; Titus 2:4; 1 Pet. 5:5; Job 12:12; Isa. 40:29, 31)

Children/Youth – Lord, I lift up the children and youth in my congregation to You. May the little ones remain humble examples of what we adults need to become in the kingdom. Let their conduct always be pure and right with reputations that show that they remember You, Creator God. Teach them to declare Your marvelous deeds. May they flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. (Matt 18:3-4; Prov. 20:11; Eccl. 12:1; Ps. 71:17; 2 Tim. 2:22)

Spiritual Level – Lord, I lift up the spiritual temperature of my church. Revive us! Refine us so that we burn hot for You. Give us singleness of heart and action so that we always fear You and follow Your precepts. Pour out a spirit of Josiah on us so that we turn to Your heart, soul and strength. Open our minds to understand Your Word so that our hearts burn within us. (Ps. 85:6; Rev. 3:14-18; Jer. 32:39; Ps. 111:10; 2 Ki. 23:25; Lk. 24:45, 32)

Spiritual Gifts – Lord, I lift up the use of spiritual gifts in our church. We eagerly desire spiritual gifts that You've given for our common good. Help us understand the various gifts & how they work. Teach us to use what we've received to serve others. Help us exercise our gifts in love. Remind us to keep fanning into flame the gifts You've entrusted to us. (1 Cor. 14:1, 12:4-7; 1 Pet. 4:10)



~ Martin Luther

Growth through evangelism – Lord, I lift up our church growth to You. Add to our number daily. Use us as Your agents to rescue people from darkness and bring them into Your Son's kingdom. We long to be worthy ambassadors in this ministry You have entrusted to us: that of proclaiming Your message of reconciliation to a lost world. (Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 4:15; 1 Pet. 3:1-2; Col. 1:13; 2 Cor 5:20)

Focus/priorities – Lord, I lift up our priorities as a congregation. Give us ears to hear what Your Spirit is saying to our church. Open our eyes to see things as You see them. Help us move beyond issues of immediate need to pursuing Kingdom issues. Bring us to a place where "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" is more than just words we say. (Rev. 3: 22; 2 Ki. 6:17; Matt. 6:25, 33, 10)

Outreach/Missions Projects – Lord, I lift up our outreach programs. Remind us to do good and share with others as a pleasing sacrifice to You. Keep us outwardly focused so we don't become self-absorbed. Help us teach one another to be faithful ministers of Your Son. Enable us to meet people wherever they have a need. Help us minister faithfully as we proclaim the gospel. (Heb. 13:16; Phil. 2:4; Col. 1:7; Jude 1:23)