



Dear Mountain Park Church Family,

Thank you for your willing heart to join us in prayer during this season of transition. As your Senior Pastor Search Committee, we believe this is a time of great importance in our church's history. We have been given an opportunity to seek God's face together and ask for His wisdom in determining whom He is calling to be our next Senior Pastor of Mountain Park Church.

We hold on to God's word in Deuteronomy 31:8: *"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged."*

We thank you for trusting us as we humbly follow God through this process. This is a mission we take seriously and one that requires prayer and discernment from the Holy Spirit. We ask you to join us as we continue to pray through this season of preparing for our next Senior Pastor.

Your prayers make a difference. For that reason, we invite you to use the prayer plan that will be posted monthly on our webpage (mountainpark.org/spsearch) in order to keep you, the staff, the Senior Pastor Search Committee, the Board, and the future Senior Pastor covered in prayer during this time. We will also have paper copies available at the white marble table for pick up if preferred. Please invite your children to pray with you as well, so that they can experience the power of prayer in their own lives. Our hope is to bathe this process in prayer as we continue to build unity in the Spirit within our church family and follow God as he guides us to our next Senior Pastor.

In Christ,

Your Senior Pastor Search Committee

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Additional Thoughts on Prayer

What is prayer? Prayer is simply a conversation with God. God desires an intimate relationship with each of us. This is a way to communicate with God about what is on our hearts. The purpose is to connect with God on a spirit and heart level.

Why do we need to pray? It keeps us in alignment with who God is, who we are, and his truth and will for us in this world. God is the source of all that is right and when we do not connect to that regularly then we drift away from him and all that he desires and start seeking our own ways, which can be contrary to his design for our lives. Build a relationship with God through prayer and offer him thanks as well as your petitions. He wants to hear from you.

When can we pray? Constantly, there are no set times. God is available 24/7.

Where can we pray? Anywhere. God is everywhere and he will meet you wherever you are.

Who can pray? Everyone. God wants to hear from all of us. He tells us to pray for each other.

How to pray? There are many ways of communicating with God from our hearts. It can be done alone and also with other people. Prayer can be done verbally out loud through words or songs or cries; silently in our thoughts; written out in words, drawings, paintings etc.; or with our bodies through dance and movement. You can also read and pray with Scripture, for example, Psalms is a good book to pray through.