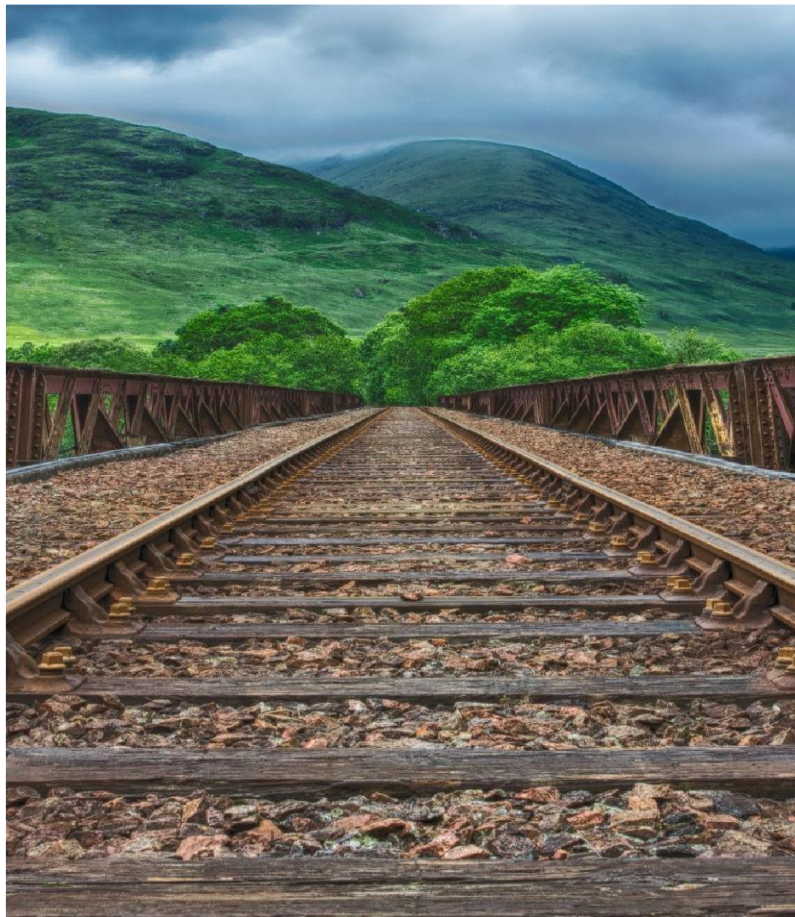


A 22-Day Prayer Guide

A guide to praying for the Pastoral Nominating Committee, our next pastor, and the congregation of

Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church.



***"Our prayers lay the track down
[upon] which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, His power is
irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails." -Watchman Nee***

Praying for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC)

1. Father, we pray that the committee members would **surrender** their preferences and opinions as they seek the mind of Christ. **"For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."** (1 Samuel 16:7)
2. Lord we pray that the PNC would **discern** and obey Your leading. **"Not my will, but Yours, be done."** (Luke 22:42)
3. Almighty God, we pray that the committee would be guided by Your **wisdom** in all matters. **"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all...and it will be given to you."** (James 1:5)
4. Holy Spirit, we ask that You bear **witness** in the spirit of each committee member the things that are trustworthy and true. **"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."** (Romans 12:2)
5. In the name of Jesus we pray against any fear or discouragement that could lead to haste, but pray for **patience** for the PNC as its members wait peacefully for the person of Your calling. **"My peace I give you...Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."** (John 14:27)
6. Father may the hearts of each PNC member be fully yielded to Your plan and provision, **trusting** You rather than circumstances. **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."** (Proverbs 3:5-6)
7. Holy Spirit **protect** the families and loved ones of our committee members from the schemes of the enemy. **"He grants peace to your borders."** (Psalm 147:14)
8. God, we pray for **endurance** for the PNC throughout this season. Grant them sleep. **"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."** (Isaiah 40:31-31)
9. May God grant the committee **love** and **unity** in Christ Jesus as the team works together diligently. **"Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."** (Romans 15:5-6)

Praying for Sinking Spring's Next Pastor

10. Father, confirm Your calling in the heart of our next pastor. Give this person the **faith**, courage and peace to step out in obedience. **"Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."** (Galatians 3:6)
11. Lord Jesus, **prepare** the heart of our next pastor for the transition, new role, and work You have in store. **"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."** (Ephesians 2:10)
12. Holy Spirit may our next pastor be passionate about evangelism and sharing the Gospel, as well as a skillful teacher of the **truth**. **"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."** (2 Timothy 2:15)
13. Father we ask for a pastor who is **humble**, mature, and has a teachable heart. **"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."** (Ephesians 4:2)
14. Father we pray that You would give our next pastor a **love for Sinking Spring** and the community, that overflows from Your love. **"We love because He first loved us."** (1 John 4:19)
15. Lord we pray the next pastor is a strong **leader**, with godly character and full of integrity. May this person be a leader and example in our church, neighborhood, and denomination. **"He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it."** (Titus 1:9)
16. Lord Jesus may our next pastor **know deeply the love of God** and be strengthened by the Spirit to help others know His love and grow in faith. **"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."** (Ephesians 3:17-19)
17. God, we ask that our pastor is **discerning** and exercises **wise** judgment. **"The wise in heart are called discerning, and gracious words promote instruction."** (Proverbs 16:21)
18. Father may our pastor have a **shepherd's heart**. **"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding."** (Jeremiah 3:15)

Praying for the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Congregation

19. Father may we not be complacent or sideline worriers, but rather eager **participants in prayer**. **"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."** (Philippians 4:6)
20. Lord Jesus may each of us grow in Your **vision** for our future and move forward in the confidence that our best days are ahead of us. **"Behold, I will do something new, 'Now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.'"** (Isaiah 43:19)
21. God may we shine Your light and **bless** our neighbors as we share with them the hope, joy, and freedom of the Gospel. **"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."** (Luke 5:14, 16)
22. Holy Spirit prompt us to pray rather than complain. May we together bring forth life and blessing from **faith-filled** prayers. **"From the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach is satisfied; he is satisfied by the yield of his lips. Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits."** (Proverbs 18:20)