



# PRAYER IDEAS FOR SEARCH TEAMS

## Prayer Walk

When the search team gathers for a meeting, walk together through the church facilities. Pause in specific areas of church ministry such as the sanctuary, Bible study rooms, fellowship hall, office, gym, etc. In each area, discuss: a) the roles of a minister in the place, and b) the characteristics of a minister that would lead to thriving in those roles. In each room, following this discussion, offer to God in prayer what you discussed in that room. (For example, “God, lead us to the person who has these characteristics and who would be effective in these roles.”)

### A LEVEL UP

Gather as the search team for meetings in areas not at the church; for example, hold a committee meeting in a local coffee shop, funeral home, nursing home, park, city government complex, or member’s home. Imagine and offer to God in prayer the roles and characteristics of a minister who would thrive in those settings.

## Light a Candle

Purchase a tall, pillar candle for the committee to light at each meeting. As the candle is lighted, offer a prayer for the discernment of the committee and that of the future minister, whoever that may be. Allow the candle to burn for the duration of the meeting as a symbol of the presence of the Holy Spirit and as a “place holder” for people not present (absent team members, other church members, and ministry candidates and their families).

### A LEVEL UP

Save the candle (or candles) lighted during committee meetings to give to the new minister as a symbol of the discernment process that was bathed in prayer.

## Scripture Reading

Invite a team member to select a favored passage of scripture. Following the reading, invite the team briefly to discuss the intersection of the passage with the call of the future minister. Offer to God in prayer the discoveries of the discussion.

### A LEVEL UP

Purchase a Bible for the team to use specifically during these reflective readings. As each team member chooses a passage for discussion, mark them in the Bible. Give the Bible as a welcome gift to the incoming minister.

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