

# BECOMING A PRAYER WARRIOR

## With Harvest Stone Ministries

Dear Prayer Warrior

We know that the Lord has called us to serve Him in such a specific way as this for such a time as this. Pastors are struggling, and we greatly appreciate your prayers of intercession on their behalf. According to recent statistics, more and more clergy are leaving the ministry. Approximately 1500 pastors leave the ministry every month here in the US alone. In 2021, nearly 40% of pastors contemplated leaving the ministry. 50% won't last more than 5 years. 70% don't have someone they consider a close friend. An astonishing 90% won't last long enough to retire. [\[1\]](#)

All the while, the world in which we live seems to be drifting further and further away from the grace of God, and is in desperate need of hearing the Gospel message. Ministry has been quite the challenge in light of; ongoing political tensions, misunderstandings about human sexuality by our government and educational institutions and even churches, rising racial conflicts in our country, a growing denial of embracing a Biblical worldview, and trying desperately to navigate life and our witness for Christ during a global pandemic, ALL of this has been quite the challenge for everyone, especially for our clergy. We all desperately need Christ. Our broken and fallen world is in desperate need of being healed and redeemed.

YOU and I can be a part of the greater plan of redemption by sharing the love of Jesus Christ through our collective prayers and support of local pastors offering them opportunities for rest and renewal whereas they can re-enter the ministry with hope, passion, and greater spiritual health.

We are aware that the enemy would love nothing more than to break apart and tear down our every effort to support pastors and their families. And so, first and foremost, we feel led and also firmly believe in the great power and importance to undergird all our efforts in prayer. Your prayers of intercession will break down all the attempts of the enemy to derail the Lord's work in and through us. Clergy have a blessed privilege and calling upon their lives, and yet have a target on their backs as ones who stand in great opposition to the devil's scheming and plan. We are proclaimers of God's Word and His Eternal Truths.

We have been called and set apart, and each of us has the blessed and humbled privilege of being empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit to offer hope and healing, carrying THE message of salvation in Jesus Christ to the world. That's exactly what the enemy doesn't want. But that's exactly what the Lord divine plan is and exactly what the Lord has called our ministry to be a part of. (Continued on back)

[\[1\]](#) The Barna Institute

And so, the vision for Harvest Stone Ministries is to strengthen, encourage, and support our Christian brothers and sisters who've given their lives for the sake and cause of Christ. We believe that spiritual warfare is a real thing, according to Ephesians 6. We believe that our God is Greater, that our God is All Powerful, is All Mighty, and that God reigns on high, and that for all those who confess and repent of their sins and believe in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, will be saved. And so we boldly ask for your prayers of intercession. Your intentional, fervent, and bold prayers are not only incredibly appreciated, but we know they have the power to make an eternal difference in the lives of countless pastors, their families, and even among the people in the ministry settings where they each serve.

### **The Specifics**

Each week we are invited to reflect upon the myriad of ways the Lord is moving in and through Harvest Stone Ministries, and we intentionally want to give God thanks and praise. As part of this communication, we also share specific confidential prayer requests on how you can be interceding for us. We share our Praises and Prayer Requests via our Private Facebook Group and/or via email, and on some occasions via text message, and personal phone calls.

### **A Note On Confidentiality**

We post our prayer requests online via our Private Facebook page for our Prayer Partners Only. These are sent out via "confidential" email. Please DO NOT FORWARD or share with others. As much as we cherish the prayers of all people, the content of what is shared is within the greater context of our history and personal relationship with each of you. By keeping what we share with you confidential is our way of living into the spiritual discipline of prayer when Jesus asks us to go into our room and close the door, and what our Father sees in secret will reward you. (Matt 6:6).

### **Thank You**

Words can't begin to describe how incredibly grateful we are for each of you. Your authentic love of God and Family is a gift that we truly cherish. You're a blessing to our family, and to Christ's Greater Church. Thank you for listening about our new ministry to serve pastors and their families. Countless persons we've talked to over the last several years have all unanimously agreed how much this specific ministry is desperately needed. We are humbled and amazed that God would use each of us in partnership together to serve Him in such a powerful way ... that is ... to strengthen Christ's Church by strengthening its core leadership, clergy and their families. It truly is a glorious unfolding. Thank you for being willing to be one of our prayer warriors. May God Bless You and Yours for your faithfulness and partnership. And may God be glorified in and through each of us, and in and through Harvest Stone Ministries.... AMEN.

