

Intercessory Guide for Church Planters



**Good Shepherd, encircle these your servants
with power, protection, wisdom and love.**

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**Pray for God's power:
Lord, Our Victory Banner,
Fulfill your calling in these lives.**

Exodus 17: ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

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**Pray for God's protection:
Commander of Angel Armies,
Send your chariots of fire to protect these warriors.**

2 Kings 6: ¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked. ¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

**Pray for God's clarifying wisdom:
Sovereign Lord,
Speak with these your servants.**

Isaiah 50: ⁴The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.

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**Pray for God's purifying love:
Abba, Father,
Fill these sons and daughters with your consuming love.**

Romans 8: ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**Pray for fruitfulness:
True Vine,
Flow in and out of these your servants.**

John 15 ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ... ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

A Church Planter's Prayer

by Tom Hinton

Dear God, we're so grateful, so thankful for the calling that is on our lives. Help us to learn about our cities – the people you've called us to – their history, tragedy, victory, hurts and wounds, demographic, rhythm, leadership. Help us to learn their stories and in time, become partners with them. Cause us to be obedient. Quicken our spirits to your agenda every day. We ask that you would lead us in the practical, so that we would be able to say, "God's in this." We want to be led that way.

Lord, Show us how to cultivate relationships – loving people regardless of faith, race, creed, color. Show us the right words, right methods and the right time. Keep us persistent in this. Allow our minds to think like you think. Give us kingdom thinking. Place in our mouths and in our hands the ability to deliver healing and the message that changes lives, for it is the power of God for salvation and an opportunity for us to say, "Lord, break our hearts for the lost."

Inspire us to think of the whole city. Lead us in this assignment just to love people, and express your mercy and grace. Create in us the mentality of Presence. Whether early morning, mid-day or some other time give us an appetite for you like we've never had! May your radical edge make us different and consistent. We join the quiet revolution that just does it. Lord, touch our city. Use us.