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I Will Pray for My Church Leaders & I Will Lead My Family To Become Healthy Church Members

Introduction: A painful testimony of a pastor breaking under enormous physical, mental, and spiritual strain: “I am appalled at what is required of me! I am supposed to move from sick bed to administrative meeting, to planning, to supervising, to counseling, to praying, to trouble-shooting, to budgeting, to audio systems, to mediation, to worship preparation, to newsletter, to staff problems, to mission projects, to conflict management, to community leadership, to study, to funerals, to weddings, to preaching. I am supposed to be ‘in charge’, but not too in charge—administrative executive, sensitive pastor, skillful counselor, public speaker, spiritual guide, politically savvy, and intellectually sophisticated. And I am expected to be superior, or at least first-rate, in all of them. I am not supposed to be depressed, discouraged, cynical, angry, or hurt. I am supposed to be upbeat, positive, strong, willing, and available. Right now, I am not filling any of these expectations very well...I am tired.” - *Rest in the Storm*, p.4

The Fourth Pledge: I Will Pray for My Church Leaders

- I. Pray for the **Pastor** and Other **Church Members** Acts 12:5
- II. Pray for the **Pastor** and His or Her **Family** I Timothy 3:5
- III. Pray for His/Her **Protection** I Timothy 3:2-7
- IV. Pray for His/Her **Physical** and **Mental** Health I Kings 19:1-8

The Fifth Pledge: I Will Lead My Family to Be Healthy Church Members

- Be **Committed** and Teach Your **Family** To Be Committed I Chronicles 28:9
- II. Check your **Pride**: Don't Disrespect Family Members Who Are Not **Fed** Where You Are **Fed** I Corinthians 7:12-16
- III. **Share** your **Testimony** John 4: 28-29, 39-42

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The Fourth Pledge

I am a church member

I will pray for my pastor every day. I understand that the pastor's work is never ending. His days are filled with numerous demands that bring emotional highs and lows. He must deal with critics. He must be a good husband and father. Because my pastor cannot do all things in his own power, I will pray for his strength and wisdom daily.

Sign and Date

The Fifth Pledge

I am a church member

I will lead my family to be good members of this church as well. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us fall deeper in love with this church because He gave His life for her.

Sign and Date