

Pastor Installation Prayers

One of the consistent elements of installation involves prayer. The message of most prayers geared to honor installation offer support to a new pastor, elder or minister. These prayers ask for guidance and blessings for the individual being installed.

The style of installation prayer varies greatly from parish to parish. Here are a few samples of Installation Prayers.

This installation prayer was written by Bill Kriner, an Elder at [Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church](#) for the installation of Derek Miller as the Associate Pastor:

Father, we gather here together to witness and participate in this installation of Derek as Associate Pastor of Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church. We humbly acknowledge that this process was initiated by You alone and that we merely recognize and affirm this Your sovereign work. For this is Your Church called into being by You. We praise you and thank You that you have chosen Derek to be a shepherd of the flock of Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church. We further acknowledge that only by Your grace and mercy can we fulfill the promises we have just made. May we be faithful in our prayers for Derek continually seeking grace for him to discharge his duties to Your glory and for the good of Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church. May we be faithful in seeking to receive the Word of truth preached with meekness and love and submit to Derek in all matters of discipline. May we always be encouraging and supportive of Derek in his Gospel labor. May we be generous to him with time and treasure so that he may be free of worldly cares in order that he may equip the saints for the work of ministry, building the body of Christ in the unity of faith and the knowledge of You to full Christian maturity. Father, we are the most blessed of people, chosen by You to be a part of Your supernatural work on earth ... Your Church. A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of Your own possession; all so that we may proclaim Your excellencies, You Who have called us out of darkness to Your marvelous light. May we be ever mindful of our status as Your people, bought by the blood of Your Son and empowered by the Holy Spirit. And, may this congregation and Derek be always faithful and obedient to You and Your Church by and through Your grace in the Name of the Lord for the sake of Your glory. In the precious Name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Another good example of Installation Prayer by [United Church of Christ](#):

Let us pray.

*Almighty God,
you have called your servants
to make promises before you;
now enable us to keep our vows
that we may remain steadfast in faith
and fruitful in every good work.
Bless, we pray, your servant (name of the pastor installed)
to whom the care of your people
in this church is now committed.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on him/her,
On the People of (name of local church) United Church of Christ,
and on all the Churches of the (name of association) Association
that our mutual ministry may be served
with all faithfulness, diligence, and courage.
Grant us the spirit of power and love
and of a sound mind.
Make our ministry a means of a wakening the careless,
strengthening the faithful,
comforting the afflicted,
building up your church,
and converting sinners to you.
Guard us against the snares of temptation
that we may be kept pure in heart,
fervent in spirit,
and valiant against evil.
And at the last, by your grace,
receive us in your eternal home,
where, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Christ reigns in glory,
one God, for ever and ever.*

All

Amen

Here's a very different approach with much less structure. This YouTube video shows an installation prayer used in the installation of Pastor Andrew Arrowood as Pastor of Chapel North.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiyA9f9iL44>