

A Prayer for Good Shepherd Anglican Church

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The Bible says, “*The God of heaven Himself will help us succeed; therefore, we will arise and build! We will trust His Word and believe in the Sovereign Lord who always keeps His promises.*”
Nehemiah 2:20

O Holy One, the Creator and Father of us all, You made us in your image and after Your Likeness, hear this prayer for Good Shepherd Anglican Church who begins a new ministry this morning in the City of Charlottesville. We thank you for your love that is from everlasting to everlasting, Your faithfulness, and especially Your mercy, because none of us could stand Your justice. We are thankful Your mercies are new every morning; we are thankful that as sons and daughters we know You through Your son, Jesus, the Christ.

Lord, put it in the hearts of these Your people to begin a new ministry, one that we pray will make a difference in this community. Endue the pastor with Your Holy Spirit from the crown of his head to the soul of his feet. Give him a vision that touches lives, that will be transformed, and add to Your Kingdom. Give him boldness to stand on Your Word and not popular opinions; give him the strength to lead in such a way that enables and equips folks to become disciples of Jesus Christ. Father bless this membership to follow and do those things that encourage people to love one another as You loved us. Enable them to be the disciples that You have called.

Thank you for providing the resources to begin a new ministry. Thank you for what you are going to do; thank you Father for being a wall of fire and protection around this new congregation, the families, the children, and those involved in the development of this local body of Christ.

Then, Lord, disturb Good Shepherd when they become too pleased with themselves; disturb them:

when their dreams have come true and when they dream too little;
when they arrive safely and when they have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
when they have fallen in love with life and have ceased to dream of eternity;
when they allow their vision of the new Heaven to become dim.

Then after you disturb them, let Your Word and their lights shine in such a way that they lift up Your Son so He can draw men, women, boys, and girls to You Father. Also let them remember Your Word as they begin a new ministry:

“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you, Good Shepherd, will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” Philippians 1:6

Finally, as a Church Family, please do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory, the victory and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on Earth is Yours and this is Your Kingdom. We adore You as the One who is over all things.

In Jesus' name, Amen