

At Rephidim, Amalek came and fought  
against Israel. Moses said to Joshua,  
"Select some men for us  
and go fight against Amalek.  
Tomorrow I will stand on the hilltop  
with God's staff in my hand."  
Joshua did as Moses had told him,  
and fought against Amalek,  
while Moses, Aaron, and Hur  
went up to the top of the hill.  
While Moses held up his hand,  
Israel prevailed,  
but whenever he put his hand down,  
Amalek prevailed.  
When Moses' hands grew heavy,  
they took a stone and put it under him,  
and he sat down on it.  
Then Aaron and Hur supported his  
hands, one on one side and one on the  
other so that his hands remained steady  
until the sun went down.  
So Joshua defeated Amalek  
and his army with the sword.  
Exodus 17:8-13 (HCSB)

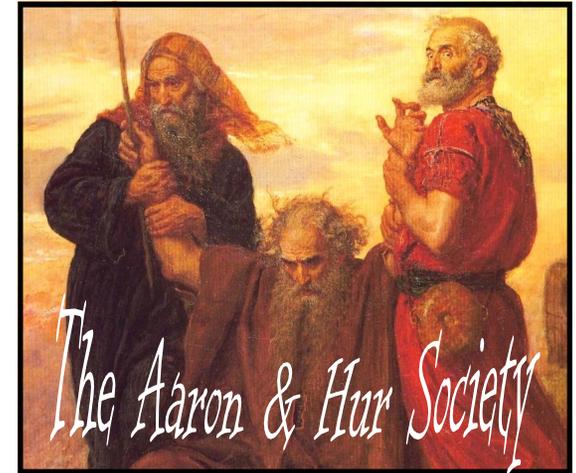
Is your church ready to support  
your pastor in prayer?  
Are you the one God's wants to use  
to lead this vital ministry?

If you have further questions about  
forming an "Aaron and Hur Society"  
in your church,  
or any other ways in which you can  
support and minister to your pastor,  
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Just as Moses, the leader of Israel,  
needed others to lift him up in the battle  
with the Lord's enemies, so too,  
pastors need us to lift them up in prayer  
as they lead the church in spiritual  
warfare *against principalities,*  
*against powers, against the rulers*  
*of the darkness of this world, against*  
*spiritual wickedness in high places.*  
(Ephesians 6:12 KJV)  
Aaron and Hur did that for Moses  
and the Lord's army prevailed.

**Who is lifting up your pastor?**

Does your church have an “Aaron and Hur Society”? People committed to supporting their pastor in prayer? If not, your pastor, his family, and your church may be struggling in ways that are unnecessary if faithful church members would simply support God’s anointed leader(s) as Scripture says we should.

How can you do this?

- Someone should step forward to serve as coordinator for this important ministry.
- Ask for a commitment from members willing to regularly and earnestly pray for your pastor.
- Ask the pastor to share prayer requests with these committed volunteers. (They may need to commit to keeping some requests confidential.)
- Prayer should move beyond “bless our pastor” to be as specific as possible.
- Some of the society members should meet with the pastor before the Sunday morning service every week to pray for him and the service.

- There should be times (at least once a year or more) when a special time of prayer for the pastor should be held in the Sunday service with the laying on of hands and prayer for specific needs, special seasons of ministry, particular challenges, etc.

### **What are some ongoing ways in which we can pray for our pastor?**

Pray for power and protection for the work of the ministry. Ask for the daily anointing and leadership of the Holy Spirit to guide him in all he does.

Pray for wisdom and the mind of Christ for the pastor as he faces each week.

Pray for encouragement in the face of challenges and discouragement.

Pray for energy and stamina to be able to handle the demands of ministry and to be able to prioritize his time.

Pray for grace in God’s Word, that the Holy Spirit will lead him in each message he must prepare and give him exactly the right words for the hour and for the needs of each life.

Pray for his personal walk with the Lord. Ask that he will be faithful to spend regular time in prayer and the Word, not just for the church and for sermon preparation, but devotional time for his own heart.

Pray for him as a leader of God’s people, that he would have a fresh vision of the Lord’s desire for the church and that he would understand how to lead the people in obedience to that vision.

Pray that he will walk in humility, with a servant’s heart towards God’s people.

Pray that he will be kept from temptation and protected from the evil one. Ask that he be a man of character and a model of Christlikeness to God’s people.

Pray for him as a husband and father, that he will guard family time and be the man that God has called him to be to his wife and children, and not just to the church.

Pray for his health: physical, mental, and emotional.

Pray that he would be a man a prayer, keeping his eyes on Jesus in all he does.

Pray that he would proclaim Jesus boldly.