

Bless Your Pastor Template Letter for Your Church

Dear Church Family:

Greetings. We want to let you know about the national Bless Your Pastor initiative our church will be participating in this month. The Lord has given us a wonderful pastor, and this is a special opportunity to consider how we might bless [INSERT PASTOR NAME].

We invite you to read the enclosed brochure and spend some time considering creative ways you might be able to love and support our pastor. Here are just a few ideas:

- Commit to faithfully praying for our pastor
- Share or send words of encouragement to our pastor
- Invite the pastor and spouse or family to your home or a restaurant for a meal
- Offer to babysit or provide some other kind of helpful service

[OPTIONAL PARAGRAPH: Some churches may want to include receiving a Bless Your Pastor offering.]

Our pastoral salary does not cover all their family needs, so we also want to bless our pastor with a special offering. With this letter, we have enclosed a Bless Your Pastor envelope that you can mail in or place in the offering any time on or before Bless Your Pastor Sunday, which will be [INSERT DATE], or give online at [INSERT WEBSITE]. Feel free to include a special note of thanks to the pastor inside the envelope.

We love you and are grateful that you are part of our church family. We look forward to how God is going to work in all of our lives as we continue to grow in our generosity and joy in giving.

Yours in Christ,

[INSERT CHURCH LEADERS NAMES]

Bless Your Pastor Offering Return Envelope Tips

1. While any time of the year would be an acceptable time to have your leadership receive a special offering for your pastor, here are some times that might fit well into your church's calendar:

- Pastor's birthday or anniversary date
- Winter-Lenten season
- During the church-wide 40 Days of Generosity (for those participating in the NAE Financial Health Church Generosity training course)
- October – National Pastor Appreciation month
- November – Thanksgiving
- December – Christmas gift or year-end offering for the pastor

2. Design your envelope so it can be mailed to the church or placed in the offering. If you are a small church, you can make a custom label and put it on small #6 envelopes. If you are going to have special envelopes printed, choose a colored envelope and consider adding one of the following verses to the lower left corner of the envelope.

- “One who is taught the Word must share all good things with the one who teaches” (Galatians 6:6).
- “Those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it” (1 Corinthians 9:14).
- “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce” (Proverbs 3:9).

2. Include the following information on your return envelope:

**Please mail or place in offering by [INSERT DATE]
or give online at [INSERT WEBSITE]**

Name of Your Church

Bless Your Pastor Offering

Address

City, State, Zip

3. If you have online, app, or digital giving, add Bless Your Pastor Offering as a temporary category on your list of giving options.

4. On the Sunday your church will receive the Bless Your Pastor offering (preferably on a Sunday the pastor is scheduled to be gone), put envelopes in the bulletin or place in the rows. Do not have the pastor talk about the Bless Your Pastor offering, but instead a key church leader should make any announcements about this offering.