

Pastor Search Poem #1 by Gary Young
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DEAR LORD:

AS PL WINDS DOWN – WE’LL BE IN A LURCH
IF YOU DON’T HELP US WITH THIS PASTOR SEARCH
WE’RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO FIT RIGHT IN
SOMEONE NOT AFRAID TO STAND AGAINST SIN
SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO PREACH GOD’S WORD
WHO CAN REACH OUR COMMUNITY AND BE A VOICE THAT’S HEARD
SOMEONE WHOSE HOUSEHOLD IS NOT TORN TO PIECES
PREFERRABLY WHERE THE WHOLE FAMILY HAS ACCEPTED JESUS
BUT ALAS IF THIS PERSON IS SINGLE – NOT MARRIED
THE BETTER TO SERVE OTHERS WITHOUT BEING HARRIED
SOMEONE WITH VISION AND A LONG-RANGE PLAN
WILLING TO ROLL UP SLEEVES AND LEND A HAND
WE NEED A LEADER WITH A SERVANT’S HEART
ABLE TO CALL ON THE LORD WHEN IN A TIGHT SPOT
A PERSON WHO DOES NOT HAVE A LOVE OF MONEY
WITH A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR – WHO ENJOYS BEING FUNNY
SOMEONE FILLED DAILY WITH THE HOLY GHOST
SOMEONE NOT PRIDEFUL WHO TENDS TO BOAST
WE DON’T NEED A LONE RANGER WITH A FULL HEAD OF STEAM
BUT SOMEONE WILLING TO SHARE AND BE PART OF A TEAM
SOMEONE WHO HAS ALREADY DRAWN A LINE IN THE SAND
SO WHEN TROUBLES COME HE KNOWS RIGHT WHERE HE STANDS
SOMEONE WELL ORGANIZED BUT NOT LEGALISTIC
WHO CAN SHARE OUR DREAMS WHILE BEING REALISTIC
WHO IS NOT GREEDY OR FALSE OR FULL OF DECEIT
WHO CAN GET UP 7 TIMES WHEN HE’S KNOCKED ON HIS SEAT
A PERSON WHO IS STRONG IN THE JOY OF THE LORD
A PERSON WHO KNOWS WHERE HIS TREASURES ARE STORED
A PERSON WELL-MANNERED WITH SELF CONTROL
READY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AND WIN A SOUL
WITHOUT YOUR HELP THIS COULD TAKE 40 YEARS
SO WE AGREE RIGHT NOW WITHOUT ANY FEARS
THAT THE ABSOLUTE BEST PERSON FOR THIS POSITION
HAS ALREADY BEEN CALLED AND HAS STARTED TRANSITION
SUCH A PRIVILEGE IT IS TO CALL ON YOUR NAME
YOU DON’T WAIVER OR CHANGE – YOU’RE ALWAYS THE SAME
WHEN TWO OR MORE GATHER AND AGREE ON A TASK
YOU’RE WILLING TO GRANT WHATEVER THEY ASK
SO IN JESUS NAME WE ASK YOU TO TOUCH
THE HEART OF THE PERSON WE NEED SO MUCH
FILL HIM WITH WISDOM AND INSIGHT
AND BRING HIM HERE WHEN THE TIME IS JUST RIGHT - AMEN

Pastor Search Poem #2 by Gary Young
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GOOD NEWS CHURCH – WE CAN BE REST ASSURED
THAT OUR PRAYERS FOR A PASTOR HAVE SURELY BEEN HEARD
AND AS WE CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR THAT MAN WHO'S ON FIRE
THE LORD HAS TAKEN US RIGHT DOWN TO THE WIRE

JUST THINK WHEN WE STARTED – WE DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE
BUT WE'VE LOOKED AT HUNDREDS – AND NOW THERE'S JUST TWO
LORD YOU HAVE BLESSED US WITH WISDOM AND GRACE
BUT OUR WORK IS NOT DONE – SO WE STILL SEEK YOUR FACE

FASTING AND PRAYING IS NOT ALWAYS FUN
BUT THE REWARD IS GREAT WHEN IT'S YOUR WILL THAT'S DONE
SO WE'RE HERE ONCE AGAIN – FEELIN' CONFIDENT AND FINE
THAT YOU'LL GIVE US AN ANSWER AND GIVE US A SIGN

REMOVE OUR PRIDE SO WE WON'T BRAG OR BOAST
WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW – WE ARE GETTING SO CLOSE
CHURCH! NEXT MONTH DON'T STAY HOME – YOU WON'T KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE MISSIN'
COME HEAR TWO GUEST PREACHERS – AND WITH EARS AND HEART
LISTEN

BEFORE WE CLOSE WE NEED TO THANK ALL
ON THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM WHO ANSWERED THE CALL
WITHOUT THEIR HARD WORK AND HELP WITH THIS TASK
WE'D BE POURING NEW WINE INTO AN OLD CASK

WE'RE GLAD THAT OUR SEARCH HAS NOT BEEN HIT OR MISS
BUT SOONER OR LATER THE QUESTION IS THIS
WILL IT BE KEVIN OR STEVE – WILSON OR BROWN
WHO WILL BE THE NEXT PASTOR IN OUR LITTLE TOWN?

NOTE: THIS LAST VERSE IS NOT WORDS OF DOUBT AND UNBELIEF – BUT SIMPLY TO
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EVEN IN A CORPORATE SETTING PEOPLE DO NOT ALWAYS HEAR
GOD'S STILL SMALL VOICE

BUT - BY CHANCE IF SOMEHOW WE'VE MISSED THE BOAT
AND IT IS ANOTHER MAN WHO DESERVES OUR VOTE
IF THERE REALLY IS ANOTHER FROM THAT CANDIDATE CROWD
THEN TELL US CLEAR AND TELL US LOUD

THANK YOU LORD FOR LEADING THE WAY - IN JESUS NAME - AMEN