

Almighty God, You are our Creator, Savior, and our Sustainer. Your breath gives us life, Your blood gives us everlasting life, and Your Spirit empowers us to fulfill our purpose.

Lord, in Your divine wisdom, diverse orders of ministers were established in the church. We pray for those who have answered the call to become **Elders** and **Deacons** in our branch of Zion. Those actively serving, those who have retired, and those coming into the ordained ministry. We thank You, Lord, for calling them, sending them, and equipping them to do kingdom work.

Each person called has been gifted by You in different ways; whatever gifts a person brings to their congregation, we pray that You are glorified through them. We ask that you continue to strengthen and encourage them. Could you remind them that their work is not in vain? When the load seems heavy, and they can't see daylight, help them to know that You are just a prayer away. When they feel burdened by the load, Your word promises that Your yoke is easy and Your burden is light. Please help them to be instant in season and out of season. They are called to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ. Sometimes God, the role of a servant-leader, becomes rigid and trying. Remind them that they are called to serve the people who support and love them, but they're also called to help those who fight against them. This type of service can only be rendered through the power of the Holy Spirit operating inside of them. Fill them over and over with Your Holy Spirit so they will have the strength to stand and withstand every situation.

Not only are they called to shepherd a flock of people by caring for their spiritual growth and other areas of well-being and concerns, but many are called to manage the business side of church matters. God, we pray that you will give them the divine insight, wisdom, energy, and flexibility to manage and maneuver both situations and do it well.

Lord, You've promised that You will care for us, so we ask that they see the manifestation of Your care for them. Please provide them with the things they need. Bless them with every spiritual blessing and material blessing that they need. Bless and protect their loved ones. We pray for physical healing, financial blessings for those struggling, and comfort for those who have suffered losses. May their lives be a living testimony of Your goodness. We ask that You hear the prayers we've spoken on their behalf and the prayer of our hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

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