

A PRAYER TO USE DURING A VACANCY

This can be used in the intercessions at church services, by small groups and church prayer meetings, as well as by individual church members.

Heavenly Father we thank you for the ministry of X
our previous vicar/rector/minister,
and we pray your presence and blessing upon him/her.

We ask now that you will help us
to share responsibility,
grow in faith,
love one another,
care for those in need,
reach out to others,
and welcome newcomers.

Lord Jesus, guard and grow this church
as we serve you together in this period without a vicar/rector/minister.

Please guide those who are seeking the right minister for us,
and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry,
that together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom
grow.

Amen.