



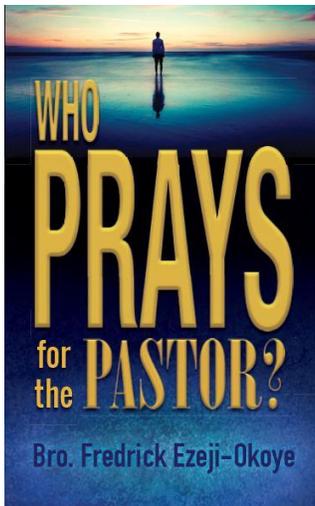
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Who Prays for the Pastor?

One Sunday morning during his pastor's prayer to close the worship service, Fredrick Ezeji-Okoye was listening with his heart, not just his head, and he began sensing the burden his pastor felt as he prayed for everyone in the congregation. In that moment, Fredrick said he heard God saying to him, "but...who prays for the pastor?"

An ordained evangelist himself, he was convicted in that hour that he was to do something to support those in ministry who carry such a burden for their church members. And as he shared this powerful experience with his wife, he felt God calling him to begin a ministry to those who minister.

And thus in 2009 the Men of Faith Network began in the Chicago area where Fredrick lives.



The fast-growing, diverse, multi-cultural network remains Fredrick's passion, as it provides a support system and encouragement for Christian ministers from all faith traditions.

The inaugural chapter in Chicago holds monthly meetings, and there are other chapters forming in the USA and internationally, as chapters have been formed in Nigeria, Togo and Sierra Leone in Africa.

After a few years of meeting with pastors through the Men of Faith Network, Fredrick felt a book was needed to help train ministers and also for congregations to better understand the pressures felt by pastors and how they might support them.

A gifted communicator, Fredrick is passionate about sharing the Gospel in writing and speaking. But it wasn't always this way. Although he was raised in a church-going home, he was an adult before he gave his life to Christ.

Fredrick says God got his attention through a leg injury that refused to heal. He had injured it in an accident and almost lost the leg. During some dark days of pain and fear, he said he "prayed to 'his sister's Jesus'" out of desperation. He gave God the praise when an a previously undiagnosed broken bone was discovered, and in time for it to be successfully treated and save his leg.

His life restored, he gave it to the One who healed him.

As a talented communicator and a man on fire for the Lord, church leaders encouraged him to begin preaching. In 2006, about a year after he moved to the USA, he was ordained as an evangelist.

Fredrick is also CEO of The Liberty Foundation LLC, a company that specializes in training church workers and consultants. He holds a bachelor of science in economics from Nnamdi Azikiwe University in Nigeria.

He met his wife, Ijeoma, at church in Nigeria and they married after she graduated from the University of Nigeria. Shortly thereafter, the couple acted on their decision to move to the United States. They settled in the Chicago area where they are now raising three small children, and Ijeoma is pursuing her master's degree in clinical psychology.

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