

## Vision 20/20 (3) LEADERS

This month we are focussing our prayers around Elim's 20/20 Vision a 3-year adventure of mission to bring transformation to communities and nations. We are One movement, with One mission. The Holy Spirit has brought us to a chair's moment, a fresh season of spirit empowered mission.

Imagine Elim's future together making disciples, planting and growing churches, developing leaders and reaching nations. This week we are praying for Leaders.

**THEME: LEADERS** There are some primary roles for leaders:

1. Being a servant to all and resisting superiority:

**1 Corinthians 9:19** English Standard Version (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

**Romans 16:1-2** English Standard Version (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant<sup>[a]</sup> of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup> that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

**Mark 9:35** English Standard Version (ESV)

<sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

2. Modelling a Godly lifestyle and discipleship (continual learning)

**Titus 2:7-8** English Standard Version (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, <sup>8</sup> and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

**Romans 15:4** English Standard Version (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

3. Equipping the saints for the work of the ministry

**Ephesians 4:11-16** English Standard Version (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds<sup>[c]</sup> and teachers,<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,<sup>[e]</sup> to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by

*every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.<sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

#### 4. Giving wise direction and guidance under the leading of the Holy Spirit

**John 16:13** English Standard Version (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.*

**Proverbs 22:6** English Standard Version (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

## Prayer Points

- Pray that leaders remain servant hearted at all times. That leaders set boundaries and accountabilities to stay on track, keeping pure, guard their hearts and walk humbly with God.
- Pray for your leaders to remain teachable and refrain from lauding it over people; to avoid becoming proud, especially when things go well.
- Ask God to protect them so they are not robbed of faith even when things are tough.
- Pray for a culture where leaders find ways to 'give away' what they know. That leaders avoid being too controlling; that leaders have an attitude which pushes people forwards and they take a step back rather than always be the person to be 'heard'. The balance to that: that leaders have the 'voice of the shepherd' to create a safe place for the sheep to feed and water.
- Pray that leaders' motives stay pure when leading. That leaders always seek God's wisdom to lead rather than just use head knowledge and experience

## Creative Ideas

- Get photos of each leader in your church and pray for them by name. Ask them for any prayer requests and make it a habit for you and your church to pray for those in leadership.
- Go to [www.elim.org.uk](http://www.elim.org.uk) and look up all the National, Regional and Departmental Leaders. Pray for them. Why not email and ask for any prayer requests?
- Through the month Journal anything God is showing or highlighting. Is there a thread or a theme? What do you need to do in response?