Suggested prayers for your leaders:

- Give thanks for them
- Pray for their own spiritual walks e.g. that they may know God's closeness to them, grow in depth of faith, and experience deep joy in relationship with him.
- Pray for the rest and refreshment of body, mind and soul.
- Pray for their spouses and family life
- Pray that they would be surrounded by supporting, deep, Jesus-pointing friendships within the church family and outside.
- Pray that the Lord may help them to "live a life worthy of the calling [they] have received", leading with godliness and integrity.
- Pray that the Lord will equip them for the good works he has for them to do; that they are equipped in wisdom and skill.
- Pray that they will experience joy in their service.
- Pray for their unity and teamwork, as they seek to lead together.
- Pray particularly for them as they seek to guide and care for the growing "flock" here at [your church], navigating the practical decisions involved as well as the pastoral weight of more people to know and care for.

A suggested corporate prayer, for ideas or using pro-forma:

Father God,

We thank you so much for the leaders you have blessed us with here at [church name].

We lift up our [elders/vicars/senior leaders, as applicable] to you – [list by name] – and thank you for all the ways in which they lead us with love and diligence and concern for your glory and our good.

We also lift our [title of other significant leaders e.g. deacons, PCC members, staff team, as applicable] to you: [list them by name]. We thank you for the ways they lead the ministries entrusted to them and any teams they lead with grace and godliness.

For all these leaders, Lord we ask that you might draw them into closer relationship with you. Fill them with ever-deepening joy in living for you, and bless them too with joy in their service.

Much of what they do for us here at [church] is unseen, but you see it all. May they know your delight in them as they faithfully carry out the good works you have entrusted to them.

Bless them and keep them. Keep them from sin, and from leading from wrong motives. Bless their home lives and their closest relationships. Let them be surrounded by love and encouragement.

We pray this too for others in this congregation who have roles of leadership too. Thinking of our [e.g. small group leaders and childrens'youth eladers or others as applicable], who are leading right now, and others who lead in a variety of ways and we pray this too for them.

Finally Lord, I pray for us as people who are led by others, that you might help us love and encourage our leaders and be those who make their service a joy.

We pray all this in the name of our ultimate leader, our good shepherd of the flock, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In his name we pray.

Amen