Heavenly Father, we often praise You for those who preach Your Word — for those special men You have chosen to be Your voice in the pulpit. Sadly, we often forget to lift their spouses to You in prayer. So now, Lord, I lift my friends to You — those special women who are the ones our pastors hold dear to their hearts — women with varied blessings and gifts that, too, are used for Your kingdom. Circumstances blind our eyes from seeing all they do to support Your mission. Open our eyes, Lord.

You have blessed them in support of those who preach Your Word. You blessed some to teach children here in our country or in missions abroad. You blessed some to nurse Your hurting children and ease the physical and emotional bruises of their own. Bless and strengthen those acts of service.

Some are blessed to be the quieter parts of Your body whose work may be seen by few. I pray their humble hearts are glad in their vocations. Some are enabled to be the calm in fearful situations. I pray that You would bring them through their times of trouble.

Some are selected to be leaders in their communities and organizations. Lord, may they proclaim the power of Your guidance. Some have seen their husbands and children attacked with slander and even hatred — both from the wicked and from those who think they are doing good. Bind up their broken hearts and their crushed spirits.

O God, thank You for the example of how to forgive and reach out in love — even when we are wounded. Teach the rest of us to be slow to anger and ready to praise — to guard our tongues and to seek peace and pursue it in our congregations.

Thank You for these pastors’ wives, O God. May we magnify and exalt Your name together. Continue to bless them so they can taste and see and say how good You are! Give them a desire for a life of love. Lift up their hearts. Be ever their refuge and strength as they delight in doing Your will and walk in Your ways. Give them unrestrained lips when proclaiming Your love, Your faithfulness, and Your salvation. Make their hearts glad in the service You have given them. Thank You for these sisters in Christ, who look to You and are radiant in Your love.

Amen and Amen! Q