

Church Leader, Praying for you as Easter weekend begins...

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Easter Weekend

By: Ron Edmondson, CEO

Dear fellow believer,

Easter week is here! Many of you have already been celebrating this season for weeks and others will only begin this weekend, but regardless Easter is a most holy and special time for all believers. We celebrate the reason for our faith - a dead man rose from the grave! **Our Savior, Jesus Christ, is alive!**

For my pastor friends, I know the stress of the week. This is the first year in 16 years where I will not be leading a church on Easter Sunday. (I'll be sitting under my son's teaching as he is a new senior pastor.) I know and have lived the emotions of the week. The message never feels complete. There's always one more person you could invite. You wonder, after all the hard work, if the people you have invited will actually attend. The stress of Easter is real! Please know I am praying for you. I love pastors.

For those of you who serve in the church or attend church, the best way you can support your pastor is to pray, invite, and be there to support the church on Easter Sunday. My guess is there are still places to serve in the church you attend. Show up with a smile and share Christ's love with others however you can.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that one year ago today our founder, Bob Buford, passed from this earth to his heavenly residence. I spoke with his widow this morning and assured her we would be praying for her. Bob's popular saying was that *his fruit would "grow on other people's trees."* As a result of his work establishing Leadership Network thousands of pastors and churches are enjoying that fruit even this Easter week.

Have a blessed Easter weekend! Please let me know any way I may serve you or your church.

God bless,

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