

Intercessory Prayer

*"Oh, that one might plead for a man with God,
as a man pleadeth for his neighbor!"
Job 16:21*

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WHAT IS INTERCESSION?

Intercession is prayer that pleads with God for your needs and the needs of others. But it is also much more than that. Intercession involves taking hold of God's will and refusing to let go until His will comes to pass.

Intercession is warfare -- the key to God's battle plan for our lives. But the battleground is not of this earth. The Bible says, "We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and spiritual powers in the heavens above" ([Eph. 6:12](#)).

Intercessory prayer takes place in this spiritual world where the battles for our own lives, our families, our friends and our nation are won or lost.

Why do we need intercession?

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Isa 53:12 To intercede for those who do not know God's ways and acts. Jesus said "forgive them Father they know not what they do".

Heb 7:25 He intercedes for those who draw near to God through Jesus. Prayer is God's work through us.

Rom 8:26+34 The Spirit of God intercedes on earth. This is the Spirit of intercession. Jesus intercedes in heaven. The same spirit is within Him. The same spirit is within us, so all are intercessors.

1 Tim 2:1-8 It is commitment to God's calling. It is in answer to His calling. A selfless love. Your intercession cannot be mine.

1 Cor 3:9 We are fellow workers with the Lord. We are to act as God's mouth-piece, to direct the word or power as deemed necessary by His leading.

Who should intercede?

Those who are His true disciples.
Those who know that they are called to pray.

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2 Chron 7:14 Those who have humbled themselves before God.

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Fear of the Lord - Love of the Lord.

Matt 11:30 Bearing the burden. My yoke is light.

He gives strength for the things He desires us to carry.

Exod 32:11 Moses entreated the Lord for the Israelites.

32:31 Again he interceded for them.

Praying from revelation.

God answers the prayers that He has inspired.

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Jonah 3:10 He changed His mind over Nineveh

James 5:17-20 Elijah prayed 1 Kings 17:1 no rain for three and a half years.

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prayed and God spoke assurance and won the battle for them.

Being aware of the things that would block the work of the Lord in someone's life, or some kind of situation.

Standing in the gap for those who do not understand the battle of the soul and spirit or the spiritual realm.

Standing for those who are oppressed by the devil.

To those that much has been given much will be expected.

Luke 23:34 Standing in the gap for the lost. They know not what they do.

Standing in the gap for the nation. Only the wisdom of God can save a nation.

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Characteristics of A Intercessor

The desire To Pray

A keen interest in current events – globally, nationally, regionally, locally

Quiet, Self-Contained

Functions of A Intercessor

Destroy the plans of hell and to establish the plans of God in the earth. (Micah 2:13)

Hear Things from the Lord and Communicate what we have heard to Church Leadership, When Necessary

Prayer Specialties

Prayer callings are not all lifetime callings. They may come and go. For a while, your interest may be in one direction; then it may shift to another. When the preoccupation with a particular thing is gone, don't feel guilty. Your part in praying that out may simply be done. Ask God what He wants you to go after next.

In addition to whatever your special prayer calling is, you will always have spheres of influence that you alone are responsible for, and you should not neglect to pray for these areas. (children, co-workers, friends, etc.)

Purpose of the Bible in Prayer

It will build your faith – Romans 10:17

It will show you the heart of God – 1 John 5:14, 15

It will give you God's direction about specific things to pray for

It will keep you anchored in truth

The Word of God is a Weapon – 2 Cor. 10:4, Eph. 6:17, John 1):35

Understand The Power of Your Prayer Language – Acts 1:4,5,8 & Acts 2:2-4

The early Church understood that receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit was essential in the life of Every Christian, if they were to have the power they needed to carry out the Great Commission.

1. It renews our mind, a major battleground where spiritual warfare goes on so that we think like Jesus thinks. This enables us to recognize when the enemy is injecting "foreign" thoughts, so that we can take them captive and get rid of them quickly
2. It builds our faith, Jude 20. We take on the faith of God as we interact deeply with Him in our prayer language.
3. It enables us to pray rightly, with accuracy, because it is actually the Holy Spirit within us breathing the prayers, according to Romans 8:26,27
4. It helps us to hear God clearly, so that we can be effective in our warfare. (Isaiah 52:6) 1 Corinthians 14:13-15
5. I would encourage those who have not yet received their prayer language to press God for it until you do receive it. It is not that He is unwilling to give it to us; it is that some of us have a harder time than others in pressing past our own issues to get to the point of yielding. Hebrews 11:6; Psalm 84:11, Acts 10:34, Acts 2:38