

Bible Study Student Handout

Session Three: Intercessions and Petitions

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Purpose

To understand how intercessory and petitionary prayer connect us to God's will and deepen our faith.

I. Intercessory Praying

Numbers 14:18-20 — Moses pleads for Israel's forgiveness.

Discussion: What does this teach about mercy in prayer?

Isaiah 53:7-12 — The suffering servant intercedes for others.

Discussion: How does Jesus fulfill this role?

1 John 2:1; Romans 8:34 — Jesus as advocate.

Discussion: What comfort do we gain knowing Jesus prays for us?

Romans 8:26-27 — The Spirit helps us pray.

Discussion: Can we trust the Spirit to guide our prayers?

Ephesians 6:18 — Pray in the Spirit on all occasions.

Discussion: What are the three key elements of intercession?

II. Petitions

Psalms 6 — Honest prayer for healing and mercy.

Discussion: How can we express our emotions to God?

1 Samuel 1:9-17 — Hannah's sincere request.

Discussion: What does her example teach about humility in prayer?

Philippians 4:6 — Pray with thanksgiving.

Discussion: How does gratitude shape prayer?

1 John 5:14-15 — God listens when we pray in His will.

Discussion: How do we know we're praying according to His will?

James 1:19-27 — Hearing and doing.

Discussion: What happens when we act on what we pray?

III. Reflection and Closing Prayer

Prayer is both intercession for others and petition for self. God calls us to pray with compassion, faith, and obedience.

Closing Prayer:

Gracious God, thank You for hearing our prayers. Teach us to intercede with love and trust You with our petitions. May our prayers bring peace, healing, and strength to all. In Jesus' name, Amen.