

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

PLUS NIGHTS

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INTERCESSION is a word appearing many times in scripture. It has two meanings, one in the Old Testament (Hebrew) and one in the New Testament (Greek).

OLD TESTAMENT MEANING: *Providing an urgent request.*

SOME OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCES:

RUTH 1:16 NIV

But Ruth replied, “Don’t intreat (*intercede for*) me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

JEREMIAH 7:16-17 NIV

So do not pray for this people nor offer any plea or intercede for them; do not plead with me, for I will not listen to you. 17 Do you not see what they are doing in the towns of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

GENESIS 23:8 NIV

If you are willing to let me bury my dead, then listen to me and intercede with Ephron son of Zohar on my behalf...

ISAIAH 53:12 NIV

For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

NEW TESTAMENT MEANING: *Prayer on someone’s behalf.*

SOME NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES:

1 TIMOTHY 2:1 ESV

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people...

(4) PRAYING 'URGES' YOU SHOULD EMBRACE

- 1) _____ The act of humbly begging. Prayer with great care.
- 2) _____ (*proseuchē*) A place set apart for the offering of prayer.
- 3) _____ (*enteuxis*) An (spiritually) intimate coming together. To interview. It's God giving you the opportunity to feel what they feel, know what they know so you can pray from an authentic place of empathy.
- 4) _____ Taking taking to thank God for them and for the opportunity you have in praying for them to see God meet their need.

NOTE: _____ INTERCEDES FOR YOU.

ROMANS 8:31-39 NIV

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WHAT SHOULD WE BE INTERCEDING FOR?

1 —> INTERCEDE FOR _____.

We should **as believers** be allowing a portion of our prayer time to be a time of intercession **for unbelievers**.

HEBREWS 7:25 NLT

Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.

2 PETER 3:9 NLT

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

LIST FIVE NAMES OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO DON'T KNOW CHRIST.

2 —> INTERCEDE FOR _____.

A family member is facing a deadly **illness**. Someone near and dear to you is experiencing a **crisis** of some sort. Intercession involves climbing into that need in your prayer closet and taking hold of God's will for it and refusing to let go until **His will comes to pass** concerning it.

LUKE 18:1 NIV

...they should always pray and not give up.

3 —> INTERCEDE FOR **THAT WHICH** _____ **THE HEART OF GOD.**

This could be the **moral fabric of our nation** crumbling before our eyes because its people are choosing to follow their own evil ways instead of

the ways of God. This could be over the **persecution of Christians** all over the world. This could be over the immeasurable amount of children across the globe who don't have a mom or a dad to hear their cries anymore and are **orphans** just needing a parent right now.

HOW DO WE INTERCEDE?

ROMANS 8:26 ESV

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

You have been given A UNIQUE access TO GOD, in prayer. When you don't have the words to express - the Holy Spirit carries your "groanings" you simply cannot express in human words—**to God**. He both creates the connection from ourselves to God and even helps to **provides the content** of our communication.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER IS _____.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-4 NIV

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

SPIRITUAL LAB: Allow the Holy Spirit to lead **you** in a time of intercessory prayer. Begin praying for the eternity of a loved one, the need of a neighbor or someone close to you and/or the spiritual climate of the church and our nation who so desperately need revival. Allow the Holy Spirit to give you the ability to pray from a place of empathy and watch God begin to use that moment to meet the needs you begin praying for.