

“Intercession: Power to Transform”

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1 Timothy 2:1-5 Amplified Bible: First of all, then, I urge that petitions (specific requests), prayers, intercessions (prayers for others) and thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all people, ² for kings and all who are in [positions of] high authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This [kind of praying] is good and acceptable *and* pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who wishes all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge *and* recognition of the [divine] truth. ⁵ For there is [only] one God, and [only] one Mediator between God and mankind, the Man Christ Jesus...

I. What is “**intercessory prayer**”? ‘To bring a petition on one’s behalf or to petition against something; to act on one’s behalf or to act against something or someone.’

* For the Church of Jesus Christ to fulfill and complete the Great Commission, for the spiritual strongholds of darkness to be torn down, to wage spiritual warfare, and for the will of God to be established in our lives, the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ, in the local church and the Body of Christ, and in our city, state, and nation, we must continually and consistently intercede through spiritual intercessory prayer in harmony and unity with the will of God.

*Intercession is praying in our understanding of God’s Word, praying in the spirit with the help of the Holy Spirit, and to intercede by my actions using the keys of the Kingdom of God. Intercessory prayer is not only for praying for ourselves but mainly for others.

1 Timothy 2:8 (AMPC): ⁸ I desire therefore that in every place men should pray, without anger *or* quarreling *or* resentment *or* doubt [in their minds], lifting up holy hands.

A. One of the keys of authority given to us is intercession.

Matthew 16:19 Amplified Bible: ¹⁹ I will give you the keys (authority) of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind [forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful] on earth will have [already] been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [permit, declare lawful] on earth will have [already] been loosed in heaven.”

1. Examples of Jesus’ intercession while on Earth, given to us as instruction:

a. The storm at sea:

Mark 4:39-40 NKJV: ³⁹ Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ But He said to them, “Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?”

b. Woman attacked by Satan. **Luke 13:10-16 NKJV**

c. If we are interceding for another person(s) and Jesus is interceding for them also, the person we are interceding for must stay in harmony with the intercession or he or she can negate, nullify, or cause the intercession to be ineffective.

* Every person has a will. Intercession is not overcoming someone's will, but intercession will allow the Holy Spirit to influence the person to make the right decision based upon the truth of God's Word.

Mark 9:20-25 NLT: ²⁰ So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth. ²¹ "How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, "Since he was a little boy. ²² The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can." ²³ "What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." ²⁴ The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" ²⁵ When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, he rebuked the evil spirit. "Listen, you spirit that makes this boy unable to hear and speak," he said. "I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!"

d. Jesus interceding for Himself and His disciples:

John 17:1-19 NKJV:

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

⁶ "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷ Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸ For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

⁹ "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰ And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*. ¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

B. What is Jesus, seated at the right hand of God, presently doing for us?

Romans 8:34 NKJV: ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.