

CONVERSATIONS



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1. “To intervene on behalf of another.”

"...this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God."

Philippians 1v9-11

“Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us.”

Romans 8v34

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2. It is the way we love others

When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. “What a huge harvest!” he said to his disciples. “How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!”

Matthew 9v36 (MSG)

If we truly love people, we will desire for them far more than it is within our power to give them, and this will lead us to pray.

- Richard Foster

Frequently what we are lacking is not faith...but compassion.

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¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens—Jesus the Son of God—let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

Hebrews 4v14-16

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1. Time! “Not one more thing”

2. Faith! You don't believe in the power of prayer, or, you don't believe in the power of YOUR prayers

“The courage it takes to actually pray for a person is a sign of enough faith.”

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