



Power of Intercession

- Our faith increases and our spiritual muscles are strengthened as we learn to persevere and become bolder in praying.
- God enables us to exhibit his righteousness and holiness.
- We, and those we pray for, can gain victory over wrong-doing as well as release from negative habits and behaviours.
- God can fill those who neither know nor love him, with the desire for salvation.
- God gives intercessors specific burdens to pray for individuals, groups (e.g. poor, sick, or dispossessed people) issues or nations to bring about positive changes.
- As believers in the church become united in Christ's work of intercession, the church is transformed into a House of Prayer for All Nations.
- Revival and reformation is ushered into the church and communities that are the focus of intercession.

Overcoming Challenges in Intercession



Overcoming challenges whilst developing as an intercessor takes time and practice. Ask for God to increase your desire to pray for others and to build intercession into your life. Below are suggested ways to develop a routine for intercession:

- Put on the whole armour of God to persevere in intercession when feeling distracted or disheartened (Ephesians 6:11-18).
- Gain encouragement by claiming God's promises relating to matters that you are praying about (2 Peter 1:4).
- Make a habit of openly declaring your faith that God hears and answers your prayers (Matthew 7:7-8).
- Unite with others through prayer groups and prayer partnering and intercede together (Matthew 18:19-20).

Study Christ's example in John 17:20-25, in his prayer for all believers that, we would:

- demonstrate our faith in Jesus through our words.
- be united with God in his work to save the world.
- be united with fellow believers in working for God.
- seek God's blessings for others.
- be filled with the love of God through Christ's example.

Devotional Helpers

Recommended Reading:

The Ministry of Intercessory Prayer, Andrew Murray
If My People Pray, Randy Maxwell

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PRACTICE OF INTERCESSION



PURPOSE



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POWER

The model intercessor is the modern Christian layperson. To get from God and then to give to others what we ourselves receive day to day is the secret of successful work. Intercession is the blessed link between our powerlessness and God's omnipotence.

The Ministry of Intercessory Prayer by Andrew Murray

Purpose of Intercession



What Happens When We Pray For Others?

- God fulfils his law of love in our hearts.
- Christ-like qualities of faith, obedience, humility and forgiveness are developed in us.
- We join God in his work of transforming the lives of others.
- God enables us to pray for people we have challenges with and for those who do not believe in Jesus.
- We are led to ask God for what we do not have to help others.
- By uniting in prayer with other intercessors, we can pray for God to intervene in national and international crises.
- It gives us the skills, knowledge and power to work for God and to lead others to Jesus.

What Should We Pray For When We Intercede?

- To be filled with God's love.
- For God's favour and protection in times of need/special events.
- Immediate family and for other relatives, especially non-Christians.
- Those who are sick, suffering and poor.
- Families: single and married men and women, children and young people.
- Church members around the world, and missionaries, to boldly spread the gospel message.
- Local, national and international crises and disasters.
- Government and Spiritual leaders.
- Every nation in the world, especially our country of origin.

Practice of Intercession

1. **CHILDLIKE** - Matthew 18:3-4

Always approach God in Jesus' name, with child-like humility, with praise and thankfulness, as he is Abba, your Divine Father.

2. **THANKSGIVING** - Ephesians 5:19

Sing hymns and speak words of praise to God for who he is.

3. **CONFESSION** - 1 John 1:9

Confess known sin and ask God to reveal any unconfessed sin.

4. **A PURE HEART** - Proverbs 4:23-24

Seek divine healing from negative emotions, such as anger, resentment and jealousy that affect your relationship with others and hinder your prayer life.

5. **LOVE** - Matthew 5:44

Ask God for the ability to love and pray for those who dislike you and who have hurt you.

6. **SELF DENIAL** - Luke 9:23-24

Practice self-denial, put aside your ambitions and purposely surrender your will to God.

7. **CLEANSING** - Romans 12:1, 1 John 1:7

Ask for the power of Jesus' blood to cleanse every part of your body, your physical and mental faculties and present yourself as a living sacrifice to God.

8. **HOLY SPIRIT** - Romans 8:26-27

Ask for the Holy Spirit's help in interceding for the needs of others.

Practice of Intercession

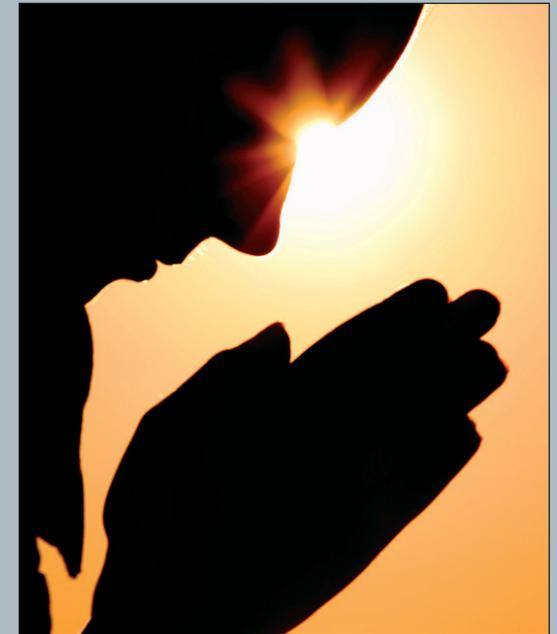
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9. **GUIDANCE** - Isaiah 51:16

Seek direction from God's word and claim specific promises relating to your prayer burdens.

10. **FASTING** - Isaiah 58:6-11

Regular periods of fasting, added to intercession, will enhance your ability to concentrate on praying.



11. **REVIVAL** - Psalm 85:6-9

Pray for revival, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and for God to send more gospel workers into the mission fields.

12. **PRAISE** - Psalm 118:19-21

Thank, praise and give God the glory in anticipation of his answers to prayer.