

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory prayer invites us into God’s care and concern for us, our families, friends, and the entire world. No concern is too trivial for God to receive with loving attention. Intercessory prayer is a way we become aware of God’s prayer for a person and join in that intercession.

Explore: To turn my concerns and worries into prayer; to enter God’s heart for the world and then pray from there.

Scripture: ○ “And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.”
Romans 8:27

Includes: ○ Contributing to prayer lists, prayer chains, and praying for the world.
○ Praying for personal concerns, tasks, transactions, and relationships.
○ Participating in healing prayer and doing spiritual warfare.

Fruits: ○ Responding to Jesus’ invitation to pray with him and for others.
○ Replacing tendency to control with prayerful trust.
○ Learning to find God in every answer; yes, no, and wait.
○ Supporting others in need of healing, care, courage, and patience.

Short methods for Intercessory Prayer

- A. Spend time in silence paying for all those who are sick, suffering, or lost.
- B. Create an intercession journal with names and places and record answered prayers.
- C. Pay attention to the moments when people come to mind, listen, and pray for them.
- D. Use the Lord’s Prayer as a patter for intercession
 - a. “Our father in heaven, hallowed by your name”
 - i. Thank God for love and attention and ponder his majesty and beauty.
 - b. “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”
 - i. Where are you trying to bring in your kingdom instead of Gods?
 - c. “Give us this day our daily bread.”
 - i. Pray for your needs and those whose lives are linked to you.
 - d. “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”
 - i. Confess your grudges, bitterness, and oversensitivity.
 - e. “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”
 - i. Notice the tasks and transactions ahead of you. Where might you get off track? Become aware of truth spinning, image managing, and envy.
 - f. “For yours is the kingdom and the power and glory forever and ever.”
 - i. End your time with prayer of trust in God’s goodness and his plan.