



Intercessory Prayer: Purpose and Impact

Intercessory prayer: is the act of praying on behalf of others. It involves standing in the gap before God for people, situations, or nations, bringing their needs and requests to Him with faith and compassion.

ORIGINS:



- "Intercede" comes from the Latin *intercedere*, meaning "to go between."
- Biblically, it refers to petitioning God on behalf of another.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF INTERCESSORS

Abraham: interceded for Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:22-33).

Moses: prayed for Israel after they sinned with the golden calf (Exodus 32:9-14).

Jesus: interceded for His disciples and all believers (John 17:6-26).

Paul: continually prayed for the churches (Philippians 1:3-6, Colossians 1:9-12).

KEY STUDY SCRIPTURES ON INTERCESSORY PRAYER

- **Ezekiel 22:30**: "I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land..."
- **Romans 8:26-27**: "The Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."
- **1 Timothy 2:1-2**: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people..."
- **James 5:16**: "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."
- **Hebrews 7:25**: "He always lives to intercede for them."



WHY IS INTERCESSORY PRAYER IMPORTANT?

- Brings Healing: Physical, emotional, and spiritual (James 5:14-16).
- Changes Lives: God hears and answers (1 John 5:14-15).
- Strengthens the Church: Builds unity and faith (Colossians 4:12).

➤ **ON THE NEXT PAGE USE THE PRAYER TIP TO HELP YOU INTERCEDE FOR SOMEONE.**



READY TO PRAY?

HERE IS A QUICK GUIDE BELOW FOR YOU TO USE.

01

BE SPECIFIC.

Name individuals, situations, or areas of need.

02

PRAY WITH FAITH.

Believe that God hears and answers prayer (Mark 11:24).

03

USE SCRIPTURE.

Pray God's Word over people and situations.

04

BE PERSISTANT.

Continue steadfastly in prayer (Luke 18:1-8).

05

LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Allow Him to guide your prayers (Romans 8:26).

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PRAY IN UNITY!

Partner with others in prayer (Matthew 18:19-20).

Take a moment to reflect and make a list of people or a person you would like to intercede for!

Be sure to click the link to read our monthly devotional!

