



Thirty Documented Accounts of Intercessory Prayer That Produced Clear Outcomes

Prayer is not a last resort. It is the work that moves everything else. These thirty accounts show what happens when people stand in the gap and pray in Jesus' name. The first ten come from Scripture. The next ten cover the past seventy years of missionary and revival history. The final ten are from 2021–2026. Each one records a real before and after – people, places, and situations that changed because someone interceded.

Across centuries and continents, the pattern is the same. Prayer has restrained judgment, opened closed doors, sustained the persecuted, sparked revivals, protected the vulnerable, and brought people to Jesus. It has done this in the wilderness, behind the Iron Curtain, in hospital wards, and in this generation. The outcomes are not theoretical. They are documented.

What prayer and intercession do in this generation is no different. They still cover people and places. They still open what looks closed. They still multiply what is given. They still turn ordinary believers into instruments of change.

The personal record behind these pages is simple: Years of praying, fasting, walking, and driving in cities and nations, following the Holy Spirit's lead. The result has been visible fruit—lives, communities, and circumstances shifted in Jesus' name. Thousands of smaller answers sit behind the larger ones recorded here.

The Invitation ….
Pray. Intercede. Stand in the gap for people and places. Do not wait for perfect conditions or perfect words. The same God who answered Moses, Hannah, Brother Andrew, and the Leipzig intercessors is still answering.

Take a look at what happened to Dean Braxton. He was dead for one hour and forty-five minutes in a hospital in Washington, United States. We prayed, stood on thanking God for his coming back to life, and he did! Prayer, Praise, Standing in Jesus (https://deanbraxton.com).

Start with one person. One place. One daily prayer. Then keep going. The outcomes in these pages began the same way.




Ten Stories: From the Bible

Abraham – near Sodom (Genesis 18)
Before: God planned to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah for their wickedness; Lot and his family lived there.
Intercession: Abraham pleaded for the city, reducing the number of righteous people required from 50 down to 10.
After: Lot and his family were rescued before the cities were destroyed.
Duration: A single extended conversation with the Lord.

Moses – wilderness near Sinai (Exodus 32)
Before: Israel made a golden calf; God said He would destroy the people and start over with Moses.
Intercession: Moses appealed to God's reputation and covenant promises.
After: "The Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people."
Duration: Immediate response during the crisis.

Moses – wilderness (Numbers 14)
Before: After the spies' bad report, God said the whole adult generation would die in the wilderness.
Intercession: Moses pleaded for pardon on the basis of God's character.
After: God pardoned them and did not destroy the nation immediately (though the generation still wandered).
Duration: Immediate.

Hannah – Shiloh (1 Samuel 1)
Before: Hannah was barren, distressed, and provoked by her rival.
Intercession: She poured out her soul and vowed her son to the Lord.
After: Samuel was born and dedicated to God; Hannah later had more children.
Duration: Persistent prayer over time.




Samuel – Mizpah (1 Samuel 7)
Before: Israel was oppressed by the Philistines and had turned to idols.
Intercession: Samuel offered a burnt offering and cried out to the Lord while the Philistines advanced.
After: The Lord thundered against the Philistines; Israel won a decisive victory.
Duration: Immediate during the crisis.

Hezekiah – Jerusalem (2 Kings 19–20)
Before: The Assyrian army besieged Jerusalem; Hezekiah also faced terminal illness.
Intercession: He prayed specifically for deliverance from Assyria and for healing.
After: 185,000 Assyrians were struck down; God added 15 years to Hezekiah's life.
Duration: Immediate for the healing; the military deliverance followed.

Nehemiah – Susa, Persia (Nehemiah 1–2)
Before: Jerusalem's walls were broken and the people were in distress.
Intercession: Nehemiah fasted, mourned, and prayed for days, confessing the people's sins.
After: The Persian king granted permission, resources, and protection; the walls were rebuilt in 52 days.
Duration: About four months of prayer and fasting before he approached the king.

Daniel – Babylon (Daniel 9)
Before: The exile had lasted roughly 70 years; Daniel sought understanding of Jeremiah's prophecy.
Intercession: He fasted, confessed the nation's sins, and pleaded for mercy on Jerusalem.
After: The angel Gabriel brought a detailed prophetic answer while Daniel was still praying.
Duration: A focused period of fasting and prayer.

Early Church – Jerusalem (Acts 12)
Before: Peter was imprisoned by Herod and facing likely execution.
Intercession: The church gathered and "earnestly praying to God for him."
After: An angel freed Peter; he walked out past the guards.
Duration: Ongoing while he was in prison.





Jesus – Garden of Gethsemane and the cross (Luke 22; John 17; Luke 23)
Before: The disciples faced temptation, scattering, and the coming of the cross.
Intercession: Jesus prayed for the disciples' protection, unity, and sanctification, and on the cross said, "Father, forgive them."
After: The disciples were preserved through the crisis; forgiveness and redemption were secured.
Duration: Extended prayer in Gethsemane; ongoing intercession (Hebrews 7:25).




Ten Stories: 1949-To Now

Below are ten stories from 1949 to now.

Keep in mind, these are only a few of the millions upon millions of amazing outcomes through prayer, through intercession, through God's people praying.

Brother Andrew (Andrew van der Bijl) – Eastern Europe / Soviet bloc (from 1955)
Before: Churches behind the Iron Curtain had almost no Bibles and felt forgotten.
Intercession: He repeatedly prayed, "Lord, make seeing eyes blind," as he crossed borders with Bibles.
After: Countless Bibles were delivered; the work grew into Open Doors, which has supported millions of persecuted believers.
Duration: Ongoing across decades of border crossings.

R. Edward Miller – Argentina (early 1950s)
Before: Years of missionary work with little visible fruit.
Intercession: He prayed about eight hours a day (with fasting) for revival in his own life and the community.
After: A local outpouring began, spread to Buenos Aires, and contributed to a wider Argentine revival in which thousands gathered.
Duration: Roughly six to twelve months of intensive daily prayer.

Two elderly women and the Hebrides Revival – Isle of Lewis, Scotland (1949–1952)
Before: Spiritual dryness; very few young people in the churches.
Intercession: Two sisters in their 80s prayed persistently for revival, claiming God's promises.
After: A powerful awakening spread across the islands; many were converted, including young people, and the effects continued for years.
Duration: Months of concentrated prayer before the main outpouring.




Christian Führer and the Monday Peace Prayers – Leipzig, East Germany (1982–1989)
Before: Repressive communist rule, the Berlin Wall, and widespread fear.
Intercession: Weekly Monday evening prayers for peace at St. Nicholas Church grew from a handful to thousands.
After: The gatherings led to the largest, peaceful demonstrations in East Germany; the Wall fell in November 1989 and the regime collapsed.
Duration: Weekly for about seven years.

Open Doors intercessors – global focus on the Soviet Union (1980s)
Before: The Iron Curtain remained firmly closed; many believers were isolated or imprisoned.
Intercession: A coordinated multi-year prayer campaign (including a seven-year focus) asked for the walls to come down.
After: The Berlin Wall fell in 1989; the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991; Bibles and missionaries flooded previously closed areas.
Duration: Multi-year campaigns.

Prayer groups for unreached peoples – Kenya (late 1970s–1980s, Digo people)
Before: The Digo were largely unreached.
Intercession: Local believers held monthly focused prayer meetings asking God to send laborers.
After: Within three years multiple missionary couples arrived; the work later became fully indigenous and continues.
Duration: Monthly meetings sustained for years.

Argentine stadium gatherings – Buenos Aires (1954)
Before: Limited evangelical presence and little public response.
Intercession: Ongoing prayer from the earlier Miller-led movement.
After: Thousands filled an outdoor stadium; the revival momentum continued and influenced later growth.
Duration: Built on months of prior intercession.




Brother Andrew's later campaigns for the Muslim world (1990s onward)
Before: Limited access and high barriers for the gospel in many Muslim-majority contexts.
Intercession: Sustained prayer campaigns (including annual 30 Days of Prayer) focused on the church in the Muslim world.
After: Documented increases in movements of Muslims encountering Jesus; Open Doors and partners expanded support dramatically.
Duration: Decades of coordinated prayer.

Missionary protection accounts – various closed countries (1960s–2000s)
Before: Border searches, imprisonment risks, and restricted travel for those carrying Scriptures or visiting persecuted believers.
Intercession: Specific, repeated prayers for "blind eyes" at checkpoints and for protection (pattern modeled by Brother Andrew and continued by many teams).
After: Numerous documented cases of Bibles passing undetected or workers being released or protected at critical moments.
Duration: Case-by-case, often immediate at the moment of need.

Global Prayer Initiative networks – multiple countries (2010s onward)
Before: Missionaries facing acute needs (safety, open doors, specific breakthroughs) with limited local support.
Intercession: Coordinated hours of focused intercession from churches in places such as the United States for workers overseas.
After: Multiple reported answers involving safety in dangerous situations, unexpected open doors, and timely provision.
Duration: Ongoing scheduled prayer hours (thousands of cumulative hours documented by some networks).





Ten Stories: 2021-2026

Here are ten publicly reported examples from roughly the last five years (2021–2026), presented in the same format.

These are drawn from mission agency reports, published testimonies, and documented accounts. Outcomes are given as reported by participants and observers.

Charming (Japanese high school student) – Japan / United States exchange (2024)
Person & Place: Charming, a Japanese student, during an exchange program involving a U.S. Christian school and IMB missionaries.
Before: She had repeatedly said "no" to following Jesus whenever she heard the gospel.
Intercession / Prayer: Missionaries and supporters had been praying specifically for the exchange program and for Japanese students to encounter Christ.
After: While at a Shinto shrine with the missionaries and American students, she heard the gospel, cried tears of joy, and prayed to accept Christ.
Duration: Ongoing prayer for the program; decision occurred in a single encounter.
Source: International Mission Board 2024 review.

Kyrgyz believers – Kyrgyzstan (October 2024)
Person & Place: Local Kyrgyz believers who had been hiding their faith.
Before: Fear of persecution kept them from sharing the gospel.
Intercession / Prayer: Global prayer focused on them becoming bold.
After: They shared openly; six people chose to follow Jesus, were baptized, and joined a local church.
Duration: Specific prayer focus in the preceding period.
Source: International Mission Board 2024 review.





Vince – Menifee, California, USA (March–April 2023)
Person & Place: Vince, after a serious accident on a freeway.
Before: In a coma with brain injuries; medical outlook was dire.
Intercession / Prayer: His mother (in Wales) mobilized thousands to pray; she flew to be with him.
After: He began to respond, recovered sufficiently to walk out of the hospital unaided on April 22, and later returned to playing guitar in church.
Duration: Intensive prayer during the weeks of hospitalization.
Source: Premier Christianity published testimony.

Children in a hospital ward – Cameroon (reported in context of ongoing medical mission work)
Person & Place: Children with severe malaria in a Christian hospital serving the Fulani and others.
Before: Staff expected several children not to survive the night.
Intercession / Prayer: A staff member completed a "prayer round," praying for every patient.
After: The next morning the children and their mothers were smiling; the children had survived.
Duration: Single prayer round that evening.
Source: Premier Christianity account of the hospital's practice.

Samira – Cameroon (medical mission context, recent years)
Person & Place: Samira, a young woman in the same hospital.
Before: Near death from tuberculosis and HIV.
Intercession / Prayer: Staff prayed for her and she developed a relationship with Jesus.
After: She made a significant recovery, lived to see her children grow, and later her grandchildren.
Duration: Ongoing prayer and care during her illness.
Source: Premier Christianity account.





Odette – Burundi (recent missionary doctor account)
Person & Place: Odette, a young woman with severe kidney failure.
Before: Long-term dialysis was not available; prognosis was poor.
Intercession / Prayer: Context of missionary medical care and prayer.
After: After fluids and observation at a city hospital, her kidneys returned almost to normal and she was sent home.
Duration: Short period of treatment and prayer.
Source: Published missionary doctor testimony (CT Pastors / related).

Caroline Chalkley – United Kingdom (reported 2025)
Person & Place: Caroline, dealing with drug addiction and an abusive relationship.
Before: Addicted to cocaine, in danger, and unable to leave.
Intercession / Prayer: She cried out, “Lord, please just take this away from me.”
After: She experienced immediate freedom from the cocaine addiction; other addictions began to drop; she left the abusive relationship, regained her home and children, and later married.
Duration: Immediate cry for help, followed by ongoing engagement with Scripture and community.
Source: Premier Christianity testimony.

Imogen Hill’s family / Grandmother Ethel – United Kingdom (lifelong intercession with recent family outcomes)
Person & Place: Imogen and her extended family; Grandmother Ethel’s prayers.
Before: Family brokenness, addiction (brother on heroin), and spiritual distance.
Intercession / Prayer: Ethel prayed faithfully for family members over many years.
After: Brother’s life turned around (he attributes survival to her prayers); other family members came to faith; a family prayer WhatsApp group formed.
Duration: Decades of intercession, with visible fruit continuing into recent years.
Source: Premier Christianity testimony.





CAP client family – United Kingdom (recent, around 2025)
Person & Place: A mother (former Jehovah's Witness) and her son Jacob, helped by Christians Against Poverty.
Before: Severe debt; son suffering ongoing bowel/toilet problems for two years.
Intercession / Prayer: CAP worker prayed after visits; later Christians prayed for the boy.
After: The next day the boy's problem resolved. The mother later recognized the timing and moved toward faith in Jesus.
Duration: Prayer at the point of need; outcome the following day.
Source: Premier Christianity interview.

Large gathering during global day of prayer – Middle East region (reported in recent global harvest summary)
Person & Place: Tribal leaders, refugees, and families gathered in connection with a global day of prayer focused on the Muslim world.
Before: Many from backgrounds with little or no Christian witness.
Intercession / Prayer: Global and local prayer surrounding the gathering and gospel proclamation.
After: After hours of conversation, more than 8,000 former Muslim leaders were reported to have chosen to follow Jesus. Individual testimonies included people who had lost family members in war finding new purpose.
Duration: Focused prayer around the event and preceding days.
Source: Finishing the Task / global harvest report summary.

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