

## Intercessory Prayer

**“Prayer is the mightiest force on earth.” Frank Laubach**

***“The Lord is near; have no anxiety, but in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving. Then the peace of God, which is beyond our utmost understanding, will keep guard, over your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7***

Intercessory prayer is simply praying for others. It isn't telling God what to do but merely sharing the needs of those around us and around the world with Him.

### Intercessory Prayers:

Scripture provides multiple examples of God's people praying for others:

Abraham intercedes for Sodom (Genesis 18:20-33)

Moses intercedes for Israel (Exodus 32:11-14)

Joshua intercedes for Israel (Joshua 7:6-9)

Samuel intercedes for Israel (1 Samuel 7:5-9)

We see Jesus interceding in prayer:

for the children (Matthew 19:13)

for the sick (Mark 7:34)

for His disciples (Luke 22:31, 32)

for His enemies (Luke 23:24)

for laborers in the harvest (Luke 10:12)

for the whole community (John 17:20)

## **Ideas for Praying:**

As you pray for others you may want to start a prayer journal so you may record your prayer requests and answers. The prayer requests may fall into two categories: ongoing requests and immediate/urgent requests.

Pray for God's Kingdom to come in our communities, our country and around the world

Prayer for our leaders (local, national, world)

Pray for those who don't know Jesus as their Savior and Lord

Pray for our children

Pray for our youth

Pray for our families

Pray for those who are alone or lonely

Pray for those who are widows or widowers

Pray for those you work with

Pray for the sick

Pray for those who are suffering

Pray for those struggling with sin and addictions

Pray for those in need of emotional and physical healing

Pray for those who are persecuted

Prayer for our churches

Pray for missionaries

Pray for all Christian leaders

You may add others to this list

## **What happens when we pray?**

Maxie Dunham says: "People are healed, situations change, conditions are altered, people find direction, revivals come, even the course of nations are redirected."