



## Intercessory Prayer

*"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

- John 17:20-21

*The number one reason why prayer malfunctions in the hands of a believer is that they try to turn a wartime walkie-talkie into a domestic intercom.*

- John Piper

### **"Intercede?"**

Intercession is a word that often gets lost in translation. Most think it's merely about giving our desires, wishes, or sympathies to God. In reality, though, it is so much more.

Simply put, intercession is the place where we join with Jesus in praying for God's will to be done in the lives and circumstances of those we love "on earth as it is in heaven."

In this practice you are bringing people, including yourself, and circumstances before God, and then waiting.. We wait on the Holy Spirit to show us how to pray in order that we would be able to pray God's will. We ask the Spirit to quiet our perspective and desires, since they are much smaller than God's, and we allow Jesus to shape the reality into which we pray.

This practice will demand that we pray from a place of confidence in God and his ability to not only patch things up, but to completely redeem them. But, it's through this type of prayer that we see miracles happen, freedom given, and lives rescued and changed forever.

# PRAYER GUIDE FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*\*\*This guide can be worked through individually or as a community.*

**1. Make a prayer card together - a short list of people or circumstances where you desire to see God radically move.**

- Any crises or emergencies in your Community
- Any illness, financial needs, etc. in your Community
- Any areas in which people need healing in their marriage or in their families.

**2. Thank God for these three realities:**

- God is your “Father” - He has good intentions toward you. He cares about everything in your life - small and large.
- God is “in heaven” - here, now, and present by His Spirit with you..
- God seeks “His Kingdom come” on the earth - Your prayers really do make a difference.

**3. Pray through your prayer card(s).**

Have each person in the community (or you individually if by yourself) pray for one request on at least one prayer.

**4. Close in a prayer of gratitude and expectation.**

## RESOURCES

The following are recommended resources if you would like to journey further into this practice:

- **How to Pray** by Pete Greig
- **Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools** by Tyler Staton