



## Praying for others...Intercessory Prayer

### I. Why pray for others?

#### A. We follow the example of Jesus

John 17

I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but on the behalf of those whom You have given Me, because they are Yours... Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, so that they may be one just as *We are*. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves... <sup>15</sup> I am not asking You to take them out of the world, but to keep them away from the evil one... <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> Just as You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world... <sup>20</sup> "I am not asking on behalf of these alone, but also for those who believe in Me through their word, <sup>21</sup> 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 sent Me...<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

## B. We follow the example of the Apostle Paul

### Ephesians 1:15-21

<sup>15</sup> For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers; <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. <sup>18</sup> *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might <sup>20</sup> which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come

### Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bend my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, <sup>21</sup> to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

### Philippians 1:9-11

And this I pray, that your love may overflow still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may discover the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ; <sup>11</sup> having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, for the glory and praise of God.

## Colossians 1:9-12

<sup>9</sup> For this reason we also, since the day we heard *about it*, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup> so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

## 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you; <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord cause you to increase and overflow in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you; <sup>13</sup> so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

## 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will do it.

- C. We are commanded to pray for others (Ephesians 6:18, James 5:16)
  
- D. We go on the offensive in the spiritual battle when we pray for others (Ephesians 6:10-18)

## II. What are we to pray?

A. Pray about everything, even miracles (John 14:12-14)

B. Pray the prayers of the Bible

C. Pray scriptural principles, commands, promises and requests

### **The prayers of Jesus and Paul praying for others**

1. Keep people in Jesus' name
2. May they be one just as Jesus and the Father are one
3. May they have Jesus joy made full in themselves
4. Keep them from the evil one
5. Sanctify them in the truth
6. Send them out into the world as The father sent the Son
7. I ask that they all may be one just as the Jesus is in the Father, the Father is in Jesus and we are in the Trinity
8. I ask that through their unity the world will believe Jesus
9. I ask that they may with Jesus in heaven
10. I ask that they may see Jesus' glory
11. That God would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know Him
12. That your hearts may be enlightened
13. That you may know the hope of your calling and inheritance
14. That you may know the power of Christ's resurrection and the authority of His seating
15. That God would strengthen us with power in our inner being by His Spirit
16. That Christ would dwell in our hearts through faith
17. That we would be rooted and grounded in God's love
18. That we would comprehend and know the incomprehensible love of Christ
19. That we would be filled up with the fullness of God
20. That your love may overflow in real knowledge and discernment
21. That you may discover the things that are excellent
22. That you may be sincere and blameless
23. That you may be filled with the fruit of righteousness

24. That you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and insight
25. That you will walk in a manner worth of the Lord to please Him
26. That you would be bearing fruit in every good work
27. That you would be increasing in the knowledge of God
28. That you would be strengthened with all power
29. That you would attain all perseverance and patience
30. That you would joyously give thanks to the Father
31. That the Lord would cause you to increase and overflow in love for one another and all people
32. That the Father may establish your hearts blameless in holiness
33. That the God of peace would sanctify you entirely
34. That your spirit, soul and body would be kept complete and without blame

### **III. How and when do we pray?**

1. Whenever we think of people
2. During our Quiet time with the Lord
3. When we gather with others to pray
4. Using our Prayer Wall at Church
5. Pray for others and send texts or emails encouragement