

PRAY FIRST
INTERCESSORY PRAYER
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THE GREATEST GIFTS I CAN GIVE ARE MY PRAYERS

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV) *Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.*

Ezekiel 22:23-31 (NLT) ²³ Again a message came to me from the LORD: ²⁴ "Son of man, give the people of Israel this message: In the day of my indignation, you will be like a polluted land, a land without rain. ²⁵ Your princes plot conspiracies just as lions stalk their prey. They devour innocent people, seizing treasures and extorting wealth. They make many widows in the land. ²⁶ Your priests have violated my instructions and defiled my holy things. They make no distinction between what is holy and what is not. And they do not teach my people the difference between what is ceremonially clean and unclean. They disregard my Sabbath days so that I am dishonored among them. ²⁷ Your leaders are like wolves who tear apart their victims. They actually destroy people's lives for money! ²⁸ And your prophets cover up for them by announcing false visions and making lying predictions. They say, 'My message is from the Sovereign LORD,' when the LORD hasn't spoken a single word to them. ²⁹ Even common people oppress the poor, rob the needy, and deprive foreigners of justice.

³⁰ "I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one. ³¹ So now I will pour out my fury on them, consuming them with the fire of my anger. I will heap on their heads the full penalty for all their sins. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!"

WE STAND IN THE GAP FOR OTHERS

BECAUSE JESUS FIRST STOOD IN THE GAP FOR US

Romans 8:34 (ESV) *Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*

INTERCEDE = TO PASS BETWEEN

Romans 8:26-27 (ESV) ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

WHEN I PRAY FOR OTHERS, I BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS

IF IT IS BIG ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT, IT IS BIG ENOUGH TO PRAY ABOUT

Philippians 4:6 (ESV) *do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

IF IT IS ON YOUR MIND, IT IS ALREADY ON GOD'S HEART

- IF THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP, PRAYERFULLY HELP

1 John 3:17-18 (NLT) ¹⁷ If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

- IF THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP, INTERCEDE WITH ENDURING PRAYER

I DON'T NEED TO SEE THE ANSWER TO ENDURE IN MY PRAYERS

Hebrews 11:39-40 (NLT) ³⁹ All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. ⁴⁰ For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

HOW TO'S

- IF IT IS ON YOUR HEART, WRITE IT DOWN
- PRAY FOR OTHERS BEFORE YOU PRAY FOR YOURSELF
- PRAY DAILY | A TIME, A PLACE, A PLAN
- DON'T STOP

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV) ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

"Prayers are deathless. The lips that uttered them may be closed to death, the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God's heart is set on them. Prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; they outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world." - E.M Bounds

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