



How to Pray for Others

It's Good to Pray for Others

Leader's Notes

I. Jesus is the intercessor.

- God looked for someone to be an intercessor.
 - Ezekiel 22:30, *"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" (NLT).*
- The whole world was separated from God—Jesus came to intercede.
- Jesus stands between God and mankind to reconcile all people to God.
- Jesus wore garments of vengeance:
 - Breastplate of righteousness.
 - Helmet of salvation.
 - Cloak of zeal.
 - Isaiah 59:16-17, *"Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak" (NKJV).*
- Jesus defeated death, hell and the grave with this armor.

II. You are an intercessor.

- Intercession is a prayer of mercy and compassion on behalf of someone who does not know God.





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- Intercession also includes praying for governmental leaders and nations.
 - 1 Timothy 2:1-3, *“I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior” (NLT).*
- God gave the Body of Christ the same armor that Jesus wore.
 - Ephesians 6:14-18, *“Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion” (NLT).*
- Pray that God will send believers to share with those who are not born again.
 - Matthew 9:38, *“So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields” (NLT).*
- Prayers of supplication and petition are requests to God on behalf of someone else.

III. Jesus defeated the curse.

- The curse was brought into the earth by agreement between man and Satan.
- The curse turns people, governments, ideas and thinking against God’s plan.
- The curse demands death.
- If people deny God, there is no increase and no removal of the curse.
- Jesus broke the power of the curse.

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- You receive freedom from the curse through Jesus' work by prayer and speaking words of faith.
 - 2 Chronicles 7:14, *"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land" (NLT).*
- It's your choice—life or death, blessing or curse.
 - Deuteronomy 30:19, *"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!" (NLT).*

Quote From Kenneth Copeland

It is not the person doing the praying that moves God, it's the Name of Jesus and it's the Word of the living God.

Confession

I obey the commandment of the Lord to pray for my governmental leaders and my country. I also pray the prayer of intercession for those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. With the armor of God I stand in the gap for those who are oppressed by the devil, that they be delivered from harm and suffering. God hears and answers my prayers because I pray in obedience to His Word.

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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