

If my people pray

Intercessory Prayer Colossians 1:9-11 Message Reflection Guide

Jesus Christ is our model for intercessory prayer. Jesus stands before God and between Him and sinful man, just as the Old Testament priests did: For there is one God, and one mediator (intercessor) between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5). It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us (Romans 8:34). Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25).

We can now approach God on the basis of the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross of Calvary for the remission of sins. Because of the blood of Jesus, we can approach God boldly without timidity (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Jesus was an intercessor while He was here on earth. He prayed for those who were sick and possessed by demons. He prayed for His disciples. He even prayed for you and me when He interceded for all those who would believe on Him. Jesus continued His ministry of intercession after His death and resurrection when He returned to Heaven. He now serves as our intercessor in Heaven.

Conversation Starter

Now that Fall is here and we can enjoy cooler weather; what is your favorite Fall activity?

Getting Into The Scriptures

Read aloud Colossians 1:9-11.

Pastor Jason said "Intercessory prayer is a means by which God partners with us to bring about His will." What is the biggest obstacle for you when it comes to praying for others? How might praying on behalf of others benefit you and the church?

When we intercede we stand before and between God. Jesus gives us the authority and right to intercede before God and to stand between God and one who is in need of prayer. Knowing that you have been granted this authority, how does that boost your confidence in praying/interceding for others? How bold are your prayers?

When we intercede we pray on behalf of others. Share a time that you prayed for someone and that prayer was answered. Who are you burdened to pray for now and what is their need?

What has encouraged your prayer life lately? Where do you feel you need to grow in prayer? Do you have a regular prayer time or do you tend to pray throughout the day?

Making It Real

How are life in the Spirit and intercessory prayer connected? Has there been something or someone that you have given up praying for that you sense you need to intercede for again?