

INTERCESSION

(Greenlane Christian Centre - 31/12/97 - EKB)

Scriptures: *Ps 106:19-23, Ezk 22:26-31.*

To intercede: is to pray to God on behalf of another, for God's mercy, salvation, deliverance, pardon, restoration etc.

Great Examples:

Jesus' prayer for all believers	<i>Jn 17:6-26, Heb 7:25, Rom 8:34</i> , Christ is interceding for us from God's Throne.
Moses' prayers for Israel	<i>Num 14:13-20, Ex 32:11-14.</i>
Abraham's prayer for Sodom	<i>Gen 18:22-33.</i>
Nehemiah's prayer for Israel	<i>Neh 1:4-11.</i>
Daniel's prayer for Israel	<i>Dan 9:3-19.</i>

How to intercede:

Pray in the Holy Spirit, *Rom 8:26,27, Eph 6:18*, listen and follow. The Holy Spirit is interceding through us, for the church, the lost, and for us personally.

Pray according to God's revealed Will, *1Jn 5:14,15, Dan 9:2.*

Pray from an obedient heart, *Ps 66:18, Jam 5:16, 1Jn 3:22,23.*

Pray with earnest desire, *Jam 5:16, Jer 29:13, Col 4:2.*

Pray in faith, through the promises of God's Word, *2Pet 1:4, 2Cor 1:20.*

Pray in faith, **receiving** God's promised provision with thanks and praise, *Mk 11:24, 1Jn 5:15, Phil 4:6.*

Pray with persistence, never give up, *Lk 11:5-8, Lk 18:7.*

Pray specifically, *Gen 18:24, Jn 17:15.*

Pray with humility, *2Chr 7:14, Dan 9:5.*

What to intercede for:

Your family members: Spouse, children, parents, wider family, *Is 54:13, Is 49:25, Is 44:3-5, Is 59:21*. Turn these, and many others into prayers of thanks and praise to God and ask for the sheet of promises for the family.

The Government and for New Zealand: *2Sam 23:3,4, Rom 13:4-6*. The first reference says the government must be just, ruling in the fear of God. The second reference, that the government is God's minister to punish evil doers, and to use the tax money wisely. Pray for this to be so.

The Local Church: Leaders, *1Thes 5:12,13, Heb 13:7,17,24*, to be raised up, members to rise up to the work of the ministry, *Eph 1:15-20, Col 1:9-14, Eph 4:12*, cells, youth, children, outreach to the lost.

The Churches of the City: For oneness of *Ps 133*, co-operation, support, and that the leaders will join in praying together, for one another and the city.

Missions: A&L Stephenson, Arusha, Tanzania; S R K Patta, Hyderabad, India; J Ruimb, PNG; China's church leaders, W Wright and team.

Nations: *Rev 11:15, Ps 24:1, Lk 11:2, Ps 2:8*. As you are committed to pray, God will give you various nations to pray for, especially, e.g. Scotland. *Rom 10:1, Ps 122:6.*

Israel: *Mat 9:38, Jn 16:8, Ac 26:18, Rom 2:4*, that God would break and remove apathy and hostility to the Gospel and grant repentance, faith and the fear of God. (The references tell us how to pray.)

Christian Education: Growing number of Christian Schools and Teachers' Training Colleges.

The Unborn Child: *Mal 4:6* - That God would turn the hearts of the mother and father to their child in the womb and save the unborn child.

Northland NZ: A powerful Gospel Church to be established in every town and village.