

Intercession is a type of prayer that "intercedes" on behalf of ourselves and others to present our requests before the Lord and invite Him to act on our behalf.

Through intercession we get to partner with God in the cause of bringing heaven to earth.

Key Scriptures: James 5:14-15, 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Jesus was and is the most perfect example of an intercessor, and even now He sits at the right hand of the Father interceding for us (Romans 8:34)

We are actually raised up *with* Jesus and seated *with* Him in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:19), there at the right hand of the Father in the place of intercession, and it is from this position that we make our own petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving on behalf of the people we love.

Through intercession, the Father is looking for earth's agreement to what heaven already wants. There are things the Father will not do until Heaven gets our agreement.

HOW TO PRACTICE EFFECTIVE INTERCESSION

- 1. CONSIDER EARTH- What do we see around us that we long for God to redeem? Make a list.
- **2. CONSIDER HEAVEN** What do we think the Father wants to do in these situations? Listen to the Spirit and ask for the Father's will to be revealed to you so that you can agree with it as you pray.
- **3. USE YOUR VOICE** Intercession is not a silent activity. Especially in the company of other believers, it is important to pray out loud so others can add their agreement to yours.
- **4. DON'T STOP** Pray consistently until you see what you want to see, or until you hear a firm "no, I'm not going to do that" from the Lord. Perseverance is critical.

Remember, we are not beggars in the Kingdom, we are owners! Children of God and co-heirs with Christ! We operate in His power and by His authority. Pray that way!



