

# Intercessory Prayer - Praying for Others

"Brethren, pray for us!" I Thessalonians 5:25

## Basic Instruction in the Word of God on Intercessory Prayer:

- **I Timothy 2:1-4** "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, **prayers, intercessions** and thanksgivings, be made **on behalf of all men**, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of **God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth."
- **Ephesians 6:18-19** "With ALL types & kinds of PRAYER and PETITION, pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, **be on the ALERT** with all perseverance and **PETITION for all SAINTS**, and **PRAY on MY BEHALF**, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel."
- **Colossians 4:2-3** "**Continue earnestly in PRAYER**, being VIGILANT in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile **PRAYING also for US**, that God would **open to us a door for the WORD**, to speak the mystery of Christ..."
- **Ezekiel 22:30** "So I sought for a man among them who would make a HEDGE, and **STAND in the GAP** before Me **on BEHALF** of the land...."
- **Acts 12:5-12** "Peter was therefore kept in prison, but **CONSTANT PRAYER was OFFERED to God FOR HIM** by the church." (Verses 7-11) "....an ANGEL of the Lord suddenly appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and roused him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And his chains fell off his hands.....And when Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I know for sure that **the Lord has sent forth His ANGEL and rescued me** from the hand of Herod.' So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John.... **where MANY were gathered together PRAYING.**"
- **Ephesians 1: 15-19** "Wherefore, I (Paul) also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love for all the saints **Do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you IN MY PRAYERS**, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; [that] the eyes of your understanding would be enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints; and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power"

According to the scriptures above, we are to intercede for others:

1. **In authority over us (civil government)**, I Tim. 2:1-2, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life;
2. **In authority over us (church leaders)**, Eph. 6:19, Acts 12:5-12, I Thess. 5:12-13 - Paul asked for prayer to be able to preach the gospel with boldness, Peter needed prayer to get out of prison. Pray for physical and also SPIRITUAL protection for our church leaders;
3. **For ALL saints**, Eph. 6:18, II Cor. 9:11-14. Pray for other Christians and "be alert" for their needs. As we pray and those needs are supplied, we and they give thanks to God;
4. **For missionaries and anyone reaching people with the gospel**, Col. 4:2-3, I Cor. 16:9;
5. **For suffering and persecuted Christians**, Acts 12:5-12;
6. **For spiritual growth for ALL saints, especially for new Believers**, Eph. 1:17-19; Eph. 3:16-20; Col. 1:9-11;
7. **For protection from the enemy & to avert God's judgment**, Ezekiel 22:30, Psalm 91, I John 5:16, we can "stand in the gap" for another Christian;

8. **For the unsaved, for their salvation**, I Tim. 2:4, God desires that ALL might be saved.

**Sample Prayer for Spiritual Strength** - (see Ephesians 1:17-19; Eph. 3:16-20; Col. 1:9-11)

Thank You and praise You, Lord, that You are granting to \_\_\_\_\_, according to the riches of Your glory, to be strengthened with might by Your Spirit in his/her "inner man"; that Christ is dwelling in \_\_\_\_\_'s heart by faith; that You are causing \_\_\_\_\_ to be rooted and grounded in Your love - that he/she would truly be able to comprehend HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HIM/HER - and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, and that You are causing \_\_\_\_\_ to be filled with all the fullness of God through Your Holy Spirit (see Eph. 5:18). I make my requests to You for \_\_\_\_\_ WITH THANKSGIVING (Phil. 4:6) and ask that \_\_\_\_\_ might be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that he/she might walk in a manner worthy of You, Lord, pleasing You in all respects, and being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of You; strengthened with Your glorious power and might. Thank You and praise You, Lord, that You are doing exceeding abundantly above all that I can ask or think for \_\_\_\_\_ right now, Lord, by Your power that is working in his/her life. Last of all, Lord, I ask that You give unto \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You; that the eyes of his/her understanding will be enlightened; that he/she may know what is the hope of your calling for him/her, and what are the riches of the glory of his/her inheritance in the saints; and what is the EXCEEDING GREATNESS of YOUR POWER TOWARD HIM/HER, because he/she believes in You.

**Sample Prayer for Protection** - (see Psalm 91)

Thank You, Heavenly Father, that \_\_\_\_\_ dwells in the secret place of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty. Lord, You are his/her refuge and fortress, his/her God, and he/she trusts in You. Surely You shall deliver \_\_\_\_\_ from the snares of the enemy, and from the deadly pestilence (disease). You shall cover him/her with Your feathers, and under Your wings \_\_\_\_\_ shall trust; Your truth shall be his/her shield and buckler. \_\_\_\_\_ shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day; nor for the pestilence that walks in darkness; nor for the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand shall fall at his/her side, and ten thousand at his/her right hand, but it shall not come near him/her. Because \_\_\_\_\_ has made the Lord, who is our refuge, even the Most High, his/her habitation; there shall no evil befall him/her, neither shall any plague come near his/her dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over \_\_\_\_\_, to keep him/her in all her ways; they shall bear him/her up in their hands, lest he/she dash her foot against a stone. \_\_\_\_\_ shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon he/she shall trample under foot. Because \_\_\_\_\_ loves You, Lord, therefore You will deliver him/her; You will set him/her on high, because \_\_\_\_\_ has known Your name. \_\_\_\_\_ shall call upon You, Lord, and You will answer him/her; You will be with him/her in trouble; You will deliver him/her and honor him/her."

**Sample Prayer for Salvation** - (See Acts 26:18, II Corinthians 4:4 & 6, John 6:44)

Lord, I pray that You would open \_\_\_\_\_'s eyes, and turn him/her from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto You. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ might receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance in heaven through Your Son Jesus Christ. Lord, I ask You to remove the blinding that Satan has put in the mind of \_\_\_\_\_ and I ask You to shine the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ into \_\_\_\_\_'s heart, to bring them the knowledge of who Jesus really is - He is the very image of God, not just a good man or a prophet. And I ask You, Heavenly Father, to draw \_\_\_\_\_ to Your Son Jesus Christ.