

*Pray without ceasing...*

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**"T**alking to men for God is a great thing," declared E. M. Bounds, "but talking to God for men is greater still." Intercession is placing emphasis on others, rather than pleading for ourselves. Man, by nature, is a selfish creature caring little for others, but intercessors we must have a great concern for others.

Intercession is the highest form of prayer. The climax of prayer exist when people discard petty whims and think first of those less fortunate. Intercession engages in conflict with a million evils facing our fellowmen. An intercessor must bid farewell to self and welcome the burdens of humanity. In truth, the climax of prayer is intercession. We live in a fast-paced society with few caring for those around us. Perhaps you have faced situations when people were in agony, pain or problem and no one seemed to care to help them. Satan is very clever in pushing helpless souls around while Christians lack concern. Intercession is our only means to hinder Satan's drive, yet few cultivate this kind of prayer. We have to intercede to become intercessors for the Lord.

Troubled Job learned a priceless lesson about intercessory prayer. Early in his prayer experience he thought only of his horrible condition. Daily he petitioned God to remove his dreadful sores. Relief however did not come when he prayed for himself, but it came while he prayed for his friends who caused him such grief.

Moses knew well the role of the intercessor. On one occasion his prayer reached intensified proportions while he interceded for God's children. Israel was warned to cease its constant bickering. Time and again warnings came as Jehovah cried, "I shall destroy them." But, mark one fact: Moses cared! Using every ounce of his strength, he prayed, "Please, O God, forgive them." You can see hot tears flow freely down Moses' face, as he begs, "Blot my name from Your great book-kill me if You wish-but please forgive Your people."

Abraham was another great intercessor. His intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah and his act of rescuing his nephew Lot from the enemies show how much he cared for people and the bondage they are in.

Anyone praying and acting this intensely had learned the meaning of intercession. Let us train ourselves to become such intercessors for the Lord.

### **Prayer points :**

- Pray for the Pastors - that the Lord may keep them in His Spirit, wisdom, and power and protection.
    - Their families;
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- Pray for the **leaders** of the church that they too may remain always in His Spirit, wisdom and power and that more leaders will be trained.
- Pray that we may become a people of prayer.
  - Sensitive to the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that this year may be observed as an year obedience unto the Lord.
- Pray for **our nation's peace**; A war has to be averted at all costs.
- Pray for new souls to be added into the church.
  - Specially people from the North Indian background.
  - People from other faiths.
  - New people whom the Lord has added to the church and their growth in Christ.
- Pray for the missionaries the church is supporting.
  - Vijender Singh, Jagat Ram, Sooraj - New Delhi
  - Paul Mahanandia, Bhaskar Kausalia, Philip Mahanadia, Sushil Kumar - Orrisa.
- Pray for believers to stand firm in the Lord and be bold witnesses for Him.
- Pray for all the cell groups and their growth both in quality and quantity.
- Pray for the newly baptised believers and their growth in the Lord.
- Pray for the believers who have come alone in the faith and are facing opposition from their homes. God's specific guidance for their future.
- Pray for the unsaved families of those who are in the church.
- Pray for the salvation of authorities in AIIMS.
- Pray for the Bible study to be restarted in the recreation room of AIIMS New Nurses Hostel.
- Pray for our Delhi city and salvation of the people.
- Pray for our country and the political leaders and for the **upcoming elections**.
- Pray for the persecuted church in the country. Pray for a revival in our land.

PS: Kindly inform the Pastors about your prayer needs through cell group leaders.