

21-DAY FAST AND PRAY JANUARY 14, 2019

Intercession is prayer that pleads with God for your needs and the needs of others. Intercession is warfare -- the key to God's battle plan for our lives.

God seeks intercessors. God is able, to meet every need. He delights in mercy, He waits to be gracious, He longs to dispense larger blessings, to reveal His power and glory as God, and His saving love - more abundantly. He seeks intercessors in larger number and in greater power. Where could He seek them but in His Church?

Praying for others (intercessory prayer) is a pattern seen throughout Scripture.

Intercession is commanded.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

– Ephesians 6:18-20 NIV

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. - Colossians 1:9

Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things. And I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you the sooner. - Hebrews 13:18-19

Intercession is a great help to the one being prayed for. We love our neighbors on our knees. We stand in the gap for others before God on their behalf - Standing between two parties, petitioning God on behalf of another.

Praying for other people is not just a religious exercise for very devout Christians seeking to check all the boxes on their spiritual to-do-list. According to Scripture, praying for other people is massively important to their success in ministry, life, and walk with God. When we pray for one another, it helps in very practical ways:

“You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.” - 2 Corinthians 1:11

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“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.” - James 5:16-18

“Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”- Philippians 1:18-21

So tonight, as we pray together, as the spirit leads you, pray for loved ones: Family members, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and others that you know personally. Pray also for church leadership. I have listed some names below:

Pastors of Family Care: Donald and Charlene Rudd and family
Nursery Director: Kym and Gene Bellau and family
Youth Pastors: Joshua and Elyse Overton and family
Children’s Pastors: Jenny and Rodney Little and family
Worship Leader/Media Director: Misty and Jeremy Stiffler and family
Lead Pastors: MJ & Trudi Tolle and their family
Senior Pastors: Mitchell & Linda Tolle and their family
Facilities Care: Judy Horn
Church Clerk: Ryan Tootle and family
Administrator: Chuck Denisio and family
Administrative Assistant: Cynthia Moses and family

Members of Church and Pastor’s Council and their families:
Paul Jones, Charles Walls, Chuck Denisio, Edgar Emeric, Mike Lancaster, Cody Steele, Chris Nicely, Paul Litvin, Ryan Tootle

STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP: Charles and Alice Fischer
STATE YOUTH DIRECTOR: Rick and Cindy Shelby
GENERAL OVERSEER: Tim and Paula Hill