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Intercessory Prayer

There are many different ways to pray, but the word intercession is being used more and more. Jesus is the perfect example of an intercessor, and in **Romans 8:34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.(NIV)** Jesus's whole life was intercession, bringing The Kingdom of God to us through His life and sacrifice. The Father always sees us through the precious intercession of Jesus's death and resurrection, willing to give His all. **Hebrews 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.**

I have described intercession as "taking hold of a person's hand you are praying for and taking hold of God's hand and joining them until God's will is done." On the CBN website it is defined as, "Intercession is prayer that pleads with God for your needs and the needs of others. But it is also much more than that. Intercession involves taking hold of God's will and refusing to let go until His will comes to pass."

This form of prayer is so effective in answered prayer, but it takes more than a casual prayer or one-time petition—it takes knowing God's will and spending time, sometimes a lot of time pleading on behalf of a person or situation. It involves time and sacrifice but worth it! God is continually looking for those that will stand in the gap, interceding for His will on earth.

Many of you would not call yourselves intercessors but that is what you are, spending hours, days and years on someone or something that you know God wants you to pray. I want to encourage you to get a hold of a book that I have read many times and really consider the handbook on intercessory Prayer, the title is **Intercessory Prayer** by Dutch Sheets. Taking time to read and study it will not only encourage but give you more tools as you stand in the gap to intercede.

Thank you all for your continued prayer, love and support.

Blessings,

Becky

Thank-you!