

# Common Intercession

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*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

*James 5:16b*

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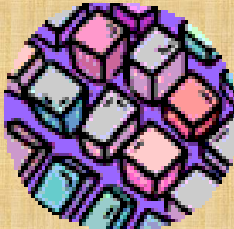
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## WHAT IS COMMON INTERCESSION?



The practice of praying for strangers in transient [or generalized] situations. For example, praying for  
•the homes you pass on a walk,  
•the passers-by in an airport or  
•the fellow shoppers in a grocery store.

Common intercession should begin as general prayer and then become more specific as the Lord leads. Indicators can be a support (demeanor, appearance, age, etc.).

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## Love: Motivating Factor

- 1 John 3: 1, 11 Behold what manner of love the Father has given unto us that we should be called the sons of God. ...For this is the commandment that you have heard from the first: "You shall love one another",
- Deuteronomy 6: 4,5 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
- Mark 12: 33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.
- Leviticus 19: 34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

**John 13:34**

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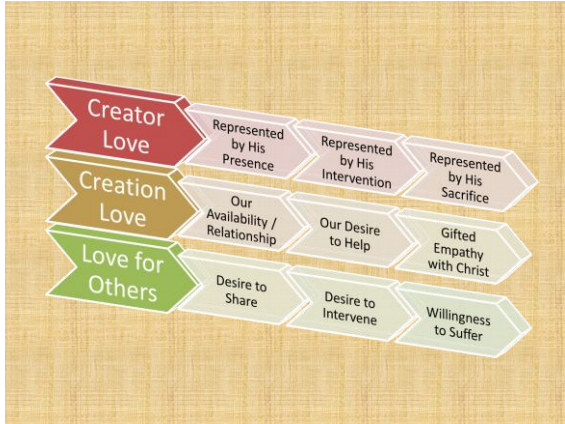
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The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Jeremiah 31:3

As the deer pants after the water, my soul longeth for Thee O God. Psalm 42:1

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Psalm 84:2

- Many texts show the presence of the Lord through the history of Mankind.
- In the Garden
  - After the loss of Able
  - Friendly interaction with Abraham, Moses, et c.

I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him - 2 Samuel 7:14a

For the LORD corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights. Proverbs 3:12

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. Isaiah 65:24

For He shall give His angels charge over thee. To keep thee in all thy ways. Psalm 91:11

In this was manifested the love of God in us, because His Son -- the only begotten -- hath God sent to the world, that we may live through him; 1 John 4:9

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Hebrews 2:9

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## Love for Others



**Desire to Share**

- As you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 10:7, Luke 10:9, 2 Timothy 2:15, 4:2



**Desire to Intervene**

- How long will you play on both teams? Make up your mind. 1 Kings 18:21



**Willingness to Suffer**

- John 15:20, John 16:3. All who live godly in Christ will suffer persecution. 2 Timothy 3:12, Acts 14:22,

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## CALLED TO PRAYER

1 Thessalonians 5:14-25

*Pray continually... Brothers, pray for us...*

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### Victorious Common Intercessory Prayer is:

**•Biblical**

- Pray His word
- Seek His will

**•Specific**

- Spiritual Clarity
- Full knowledge of God
- Wisdom in decision making
- Compliance with God's will
- Fruitfulness (Spiritual Productivity) & Blessings
- Longsuffering, Strength & Endurance (Spiritual & Temporal)
- Power - *What is this power? Acts 1:8*

**•Fervent**

- Emotional, charged, demonstrative
- Fervent, according to Merriam Webster:  
*very hot ; glowing ; 2 exhibiting or marked by great intensity of feeling ; zealous*

**•Grateful, full of praise**



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## A Powerful Action

- Intercessory prayer of any form softens the heart
- Common Intercession links us directly to Jesus, Whose work covers all
- Prayer changes influence, reason, emotion & response
- Jesus tells us to pray for the ones who persecute and use us despitefully. Prayer is for all parties.
- Pray as 'proactive living' and witness tangible results.
- Prayer creates space for the Holy Spirit, the Truth Elucidator, Shalom Maker & Tenderizer.

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## A Strong Witness

*God-Approved* prayer is an act of holiness; a full submission to Him. When intercession is correctly practiced, individuals are ushered into the presence of Jesus by a faithful, loving friend.

A seed is planted. A life is forever changed.

As with anything, introduce yourself; your intentions. Be natural.

### Identify

- Crucial to common intercession is a honed sensitivity.

### Observe

- The role of the party within the larger community affects needs, self-perception, expectations, relationships, outcomes.

### Listen

- Listen to the Holy Spirit.
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- Listen to the party to whom He's led you.
- NEVER make or voice assumptions. You know nothing except what you have been told (by Creator, by the individual).
- Use the party's own words, not your own.

### Request

- Basic, unaffected respect for others is non-negotiable.
- Ask, "May I pray with you?" "Do you mind if ..."

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Trust the Lord *fully*,  
with all of your heart,  
not giving excessive weight to your own perception of things.  
In everything you do recognize Him as your awesome God  
and  
He will lead you.

Proverbs 3:5, 6 *paraphrased*




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## Therefore, Go Ye!

Start the day with open-hearted prayer & study

### On Your Daily Fitness Outing

- Continue your conversation as you travel
- Be perceptive, praying for people and spaces that catch your attention
- Follow God
  - Whatever He may ask you to do, do it!

### In Waiting Rooms, et c.

- Start by asking God for whom/what to pray
- Focus your energy (NOT your gaze) on the party & pray the "specifics"

### In Passing (Shopping) et c.

- Pray as you enter the location
- Allow a fluid movement, if the Lord tells you to visit an isle...
- Pray short, specific prayers for those individuals who come within three feet, or, if no one is so close, pray specifically for those you see

*If you are impressed to approach someone, listen and humbly obey.*

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## What Are The Specifics?

### Pray Specifically for:

- Spiritual Clarity
- Full knowledge of God
- Wisdom in decision making
- Compliance with God's will
- Fruitfulness (Spiritual Productivity) & Blessings
- Longsuffering, Strength & Endurance (Spiritual & Temporal)
- Power
- Joy




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## Your Obedient Prayer Matters.



*"Your ears will hear a word behind you saying, This is the way. Walk in it."  
Isaiah 30: 21*

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