

## The Purpose of Persevering Prayer

Intercessory prayer is lifted to the throne of God in Christ's love, on behalf of another individual who needs God's intervention. The Bible records the intercessory prayers of numerous godly men and women both in the Old Testament and the New Testament. The intercession of Christ and the Holy Spirit is also recorded. Numerous examples of the God-fearing saint's prayers:

- \*To turn aside His judgment (Ge 18:23-32;  
Nu 14:13 – 19; Joel 2:17)
- \*To restore His people (Ne 1; Da 9)
- \*To deliver individuals from danger  
(Ac 12:5,12; Ro 15:3)
- \*To bless His people (Nu 6:24-26;  
1 Ki 18:41-45; Ps 122:6-8)
- \*For the Holy Spirit to come (Ac 8:15-17;  
Eph 3:14-17)
- \*For healing (1 Ki 17:20-21; Ac 28:8;  
Jas 5:14-16)
- \*For the forgiveness of sins (Ezr 9:5-15;  
Da 9; Ac 7:60)
- \*For government officials (1 Ch 29:19;  
1 Ti 2:1-2)
- \*For Christian growth ((Php 1:9-11; Col 1:10-11)
- \*For effective pastors (2 Ti 1:3-7)
- \*For effective mission work (Mt 9:38;  
Eph 6:19-20)
- \*For the salvation of others (Ro 10:1)
- \*For people to praise God (Ps 67:3-5)

## Christ's and the Holy Spirit's Intercession

Jesus' heart was revealed during His earthly ministry here on earth in Luke 19:10, "...Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

In Luke 19:41, He sorrowfully wept over the city of Jerusalem. Note that He prayed for His disciples as a group, but also as individuals. (Jn 17:6-26) As He hung on the cross, He prayed for His enemies. (Lk 23:34)

Today, He intercedes on your behalf before God's throne. (Ro 8:34; Heb 7:25; 9:24: 7:25) John refers to Jesus as the "one who speaks to the Father in our defense." (1 Jn 2:1) Jesus' ministry of intercession continues in heaven in accordance to His Father's will. (Ro 8:33-34; 1 Ti 2:5) His intercession is essential to our salvation; without His grace, mercy and help, we would drift from God.

**The Holy Spirit intercedes with groans that words cannot express within the believers on earth. The Spirit appeals to the throne in accordance to God's perfect will.**

### **God's Perfect/Permissive Will**

**God's perfect will is found in the precepts of his scriptures. As a Christian, your actions should correlate with these precepts. In becoming familiar with these precepts, you will want to begin by studying the Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20; the benefits of salvation found in Psalms 103; and the motives for acting righteously found in Matthew 6.**

**We are called to battle sin, evil, and mediocrity. Satan is responsible for the instigation of this present evil age with its cruelty, evil, and injustice. Satan causes much of the pain and suffering of the world, so we say...but really, what about our actions? Satan is ultimately responsible; however, we choose to allow his evil precepts to control the earth by submitting to his temptations. Take responsibility for your actions, repent and revive your spirit.**

**God permits and allows things to happen, even though he does not specifically desire it to happen. Much that happens in the world is contrary to God's perfect will: sin, lust, violence, hatred and hard heartedness, yet he permits evil to continue for the time being. The decision of many people to remain unsaved, and thus, lost for all eternity is permitted by God, for he does not force saving faith on those who refuse to accept his Son's salvation.**

### **Power of Intercession: Faith** **(Mt 21:21-22; 17:20; Mk 11:24)**

**Everything that is in harmony with God's will is possible to perform or receive for those who do not doubt. True faith is an effective faith that produces results:**

- \*True Faith will move "mountains."**
- \*True Faith is a faith in God, not as a force or power without God.**
- \*True Faith is created by the Holy Spirit.**
- \*Christ is the author and perfecter of true faith. (Heb 12:2)**
- \*The secret of faith is His close presence and our obedience to His Word.**
- \*True Faith is given to accomplish His will and to express His love for us.**
- \*True Faith is not to be used for our own selfish interest. (Jas 4:3)**

**God gives us faith that our prayers have been heard, and that the request will be granted in His time of fulfillment. (Mk 11:24) There are variables in receiving answers to prayer: (Da 10:12-14; Jas 4:3)**

**Persistent prayer strategy will prove stronger than the satanic forces that attempt to hinder God's will. God refuses to answer prayers motivated by selfish ambitions, deceptive love, and desire for personal honor, power or riches. God hears only the prayers of the righteous, of those who call on Him in truth of the genuinely**

repentant, humble, and of those who ask according to His will. (Js 4:3; Ps 34:13-15; 66:18-19)

**Purpose of the Intercessory Prayer Warrior:**

This notification is to verify that you have been officially drafted to the United in One Accord Army of God, effective immediately.

**Orders:** Report immediately to your Commander in Chief, Jesus Christ of Nazareth to receive specific directives, upon which, you will further understand the purpose of the daily combat.

**Armor:** Belt of Truth; Breastplate of Righteousness; Gospel of Peace; Shield of faith; Helmet of Salvation; Sword (The Word of God). (Eph 6)

**Weapons:** Self-control; commitment to truth; righteous living; gospel proclamation; faith; love; hope of salvation; Word of God; persevering prayer. (1 Thess 5:8)

**Rank:** World Ambassador.

**Assignment:** “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 saints.” Eph 6:18.

**Do not surrender to the enemy!!**