



INTERCESSION

1. Intercession is a request made in prayer on behalf of others.
2. Intercession is a part of prayer (along with confession, supplication, thanksgiving, and praise).
3. You can add intercession to any prayer.
4. Intercession is a ministry of persuasion. It's trying to persuade God to do something for others.
5. In outline form, intercession looks like this: (1) someone has a need, (2) you ask God to do something for them, and (3) you do everything you can to persuade God to provide for their need.
6. Intercession is an expression of your love for others: you pray because you love them.
7. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us (Rom. 8:26–27). He intercedes every time we pray. God the Father hears two requests at the same time—one from you and one from the Spirit.
8. The Spirit intercedes when you make requests for yourself and for others.
9. The Spirit knows how to present your requests in the most convincing manner. His requests are not made in words but in 'wordless sighs' (Rom. 8:26).
10. Every prayer request is accompanied with the Spirit's intercession. You don't have to ask Him for help—He helps automatically.
11. The intercessory work of the Spirit is necessary because we don't know how to pray as we should (Rom. 8:26). We don't know how to present our requests persuasively to God.
12. The Spirit intercedes only if our requests are in keeping with God's will (Rom. 8:27; cf. 1 John 5:14).
13. Carnality quenches the interceding ministry of the Spirit. God doesn't hear prayers offered in carnality (Psalm 66:18).
14. The Spirit's intercession is persuasive: God the Father won't deny a request made by God the Holy Spirit. That's the power in prayer!
15. It's not your eloquence but the Spirit's intercession that persuades the Father.
16. Intercessory prayers are often found in the Bible (e.g., 2 Cor. 13:7; Eph. 6:18–19; Col. 4:2–4; 1 Thess. 5:25; 2 Thess. 1:11–12; 3:1–2; Heb. 13:18–19; James 5:16).