

Intercessory Prayer Prayer That God Answers – Part 3

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Hebrews 7:25 (ESV) Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (ESV) This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

1 John 5:14-15 (ESV) And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

1. Have a confident _____

Hebrews 11:1 (ESV) Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

1A. _____ your faith

Romans 4:20 (ESV) No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

1B. Feed on God's _____

Romans 10:17 (ESV) So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

2. Pray for God to _____ Himself

1 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV) The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

2A. Unbeliever's minds are _____

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (ESV) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2B. _____ brings repentance

2 Timothy 2:25-26 (ESV) correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

3. Pray against spiritual _____

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (ESV) For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

3A. Demolish _____

2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV) We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

3B. Pray for God's _____ to penetrate

Mark 4:15 (ESV) And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.

Weekly Healing Scripture

Proverbs 4:20-22 (ESV) My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.

Intercessory Prayer Study Guide
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Intro. What do you think Jesus is praying for as He intercedes in heaven (Hebrews 7:25, Luke 19:10, John 17)?

What does 1 Timothy 2:3-4 tell you about God's will for lost people?

According to 2 Peter 3:9, why hasn't Jesus come back yet?

What does God promise if we pray according to His will for lost people (1 John 5:14-15)?

Why do you think we don't pray more for lost people to be saved?

1A. What would a confident faith in praying for the lost look like (Hebrews 11:1)?

1B. In what ways does Abraham's praying for a son parallel praying for the lost (Romans 4:20)?

1C. How can we use God's Word to strengthen our faith with regard to praying for the lost (Romans 10:17)?

1D. Who do you know who is not a believer that you should pray for?

2A. Why do unbelievers think that the things of God are foolishness (1 Corinthians 2:14)?

2B. In what ways has Satan blinded the minds of unbelievers towards the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)?

2C. Why is repentance the first step for the unbeliever in escaping Satan's trap (2 Timothy 2:25-26)?

2D. How can you tell whether someone is a believer or not? Why is it important to find out?

3A. How can prayer function as a weapon to demolish strongholds in the lives of unbelievers (1 Corinthians 10:3-4)?

3B. In what ways is pride a common argument and pretension that keeps people from salvation (2 Corinthians 10:5)?

3C. What are ways that God can soften the hard hearts of unbelievers (Mark 4:15)?

3D. How can you grow in faith to believe that those you pray for will be saved?