

PRAY ALSO FOR US

Intercession, Missions & God's Glory

A Topical Treatment and Exhortation | Pastor Adam | January 12, 2020

I. Intercession: Praying for Others

II. Induction: Christ the Mediator Calls Us to Pray

III. Illustration: A Model of the Intercessor's Heart

V. Instruction: How to Pray for Missionaries and Others

*Discuss these questions with your
Community Group*

1. What is your habit of prayer like? What do you typically pray for? When have you grown the most in your fellowship with God through prayer? Share about a time when God answered your prayers.
2. A wonderful model of intercessory prayer is found in Daniel 9. It has all the elements of true intercessory prayer. Read it and discuss what those elements are. Notice Daniel does not say, "I have a right to demand this out of You, God." He says, "I'm a sinner," and, in effect, "I do not have a right to demand anything." True intercessory prayer seeks God's glory, not our own. Is this attitude reflected in you and in your prayers? Take time to confess your self-centeredness to God, if need be.
3. Do you believe that you have an important role in the ministry of our missionaries? The apostle and missionary, Saul of Tarsus, frequently asked for prayer (Cf. Col. 4:2-5, 2 Thess. 3:1-3, Eph. 6:18-20, 2 Cor. 1:8-11). Read 1 Samuel 12:19-23. Considering that all Christians are called to be a witness for Christ (Matt: 28:18-20), considering that Christ is now glorifying Himself in the world through the Church (Eph. 3:20-21), why might it be a sin to neglect to pray for our missionaries?
4. Christ is pictured in the New Testament as the ultimate intercessor. Read 1 Tim 1:5-6, Heb. 7:24-25, 9:15, Rom. 8:34, and 1 Jn. 2:1. Because of this, all Christian prayer is offered to God the Father through and by Christ. All our prayers are, in essence, mediated by Jesus. Take some time and praise God giving us a perfect mediator, for hearing our prayers through Him, and for glorifying Himself through our prayers.