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Step 4 in our four steps of prayer is intercession. We have praised God and put Him on the throne. We have confessed any sin that might block our communication with the Father. We have thanked Him for what He has done, in all circumstances. And now we come to our requests, intercessory prayer.

What is intercession? It is coming to God in prayer on behalf of others. Mark 2:1-12 is the story of the men who bring their friend to Jesus for healing.

Paul prayed for the Colossians 1:9 *For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.*

Abraham interceded for Lot in Genesis 18:22-33 and Moses for the Israelites in Exodus 32:9-13.

Why do we intercede?

To Obey: *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18*

I urge, then first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. I Timothy 2:1

Because Jesus and the Holy Spirit intercede: *Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them. Hebrews 7:25*

And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. Romans 8:27

To foil the plans of Satan: *“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 22:31-32*

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight. Isaiah 59:19b AMP

For God’s will to be done on earth: *Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10*

How do we intercede?

We pray scripturally – Praying scripture is a powerful weapon that the intercessor uses in praying for others. It is praying back to God His very words on behalf of the one for whom we are interceding.

Take the helmet of salvation and sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:17

God’s word is trustworthy *Your decrees are perfect; they are entirely worthy of our trust. Psalm 119:138*

Praying according to God’s word will crowd out selfishness and wrong motives: *When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. Matthew 4:3-4*

We pray specifically – God wants us to tell Him exactly what is needed. (may include scripture)

We pray persistently – PUSH – Pray Until Something Happens or until the Holy Spirit directs you to stop.

The value of persistent prayer is not that He will hear us, but that we will finally hear Him. Dr. Jim Cook.

In our groups we usually stay together for the first three steps. During the intercession time we break into small groups of two or three. We pray the scripture placing each child's name one at a time, then we pray a specific request for each. We alternate back and forth as the Spirit leads using the one accord prayer method.

One point I really want to stress is confidentiality. At the bottom of each of our prayer sheets is the statement: Remember, what is prayed in the group, stays in the group. If we are to pray our hearts, we have to know that whatever is revealed in prayer will not be shared outside of those who are praying. The integrity of the group and of the ministry rests on that principle.