

Outline #4 Prayer Power: Interceding
for Others

O give thanks to the LORD, Psalm 105:1-5

1. Why we need to pray

- a) Revelation 12:7-9 – the cosmic conflict described
- b) Daniel 10:10-14 – the cosmic conflict exposed
- c) Ephesians 6:10-13, 18 – supernatural protection needed
- d) When did you discover the reality of the cosmic battle between good and evil?
- e) How does prayer clear the way for the will of God to be more fully accomplished in us and through us in the midst of this great controversy?

2. Prayer power in the life of Jesus

- a) Luke 3:21-22
- b) Luke 5:16
- c) Mark 1:35
- d) Luke 11:1 What motivated the disciples to ask Jesus to teach them how to pray?
- e) Matthew 26:41 Why did Jesus encourage His disciples to watch and pray?
- f) How is your life impacted by the realization that Jesus prays for you? Hebrews 7:25

3. Prayer power in the life of Paul

- a) Ephesians 1:15-19 What specific requests did Paul make in his prayer for followers of Jesus in Ephesus?

- b) Philippians 1:3-11 How was Paul able to pray with joy even though the Christians in Philippi were facing hardships and trials?
- c) What other passages in Paul's writings emphasize the importance of prayer? Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, etc.

4. Specific intercession

- a) Luke 22:31-32 – the example of Jesus
- b) Acts 12:1-5, 6-10, 11-17 What happened when followers of Jesus prayed constantly for Peter? Explain their reaction when Peter interrupted their prayer meeting.
- c) 1 John 5:14-16 What happens when we pray for others in the name of Jesus? (also John 14:13-14)
- d) 1 Samuel 12:22-24 Why did the prophet Samuel consider it a sin against God to neglect intercessory prayer?
- e) On several occasions, the apostle Paul requested special prayer. (Ephesians 6:19-20, Colossians 4:2-3, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2) Share a time when you were encouraged by the prayers of others on your behalf.
- f) If intercessory prayer is so powerful and effective (James 5:17), what keeps us from praying more?
- g) What is the most important intercessory prayer we can ever pray?

