

Maranatha Mirror Message



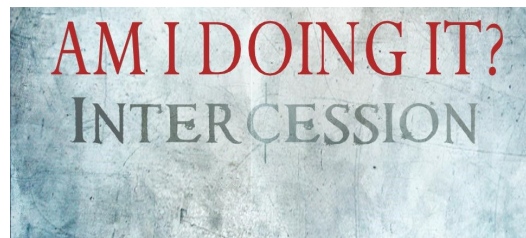
AM I DOING IT?

Jesus did it.

Paul did it.

Numberless men and women across the earth are doing it right now.

Am I doing it?



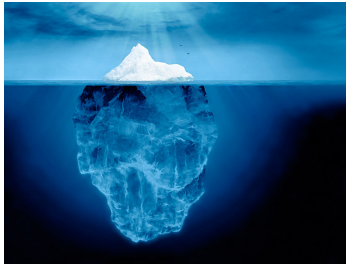
Intercession

*"But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail;
and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren."*

Luke 22:32

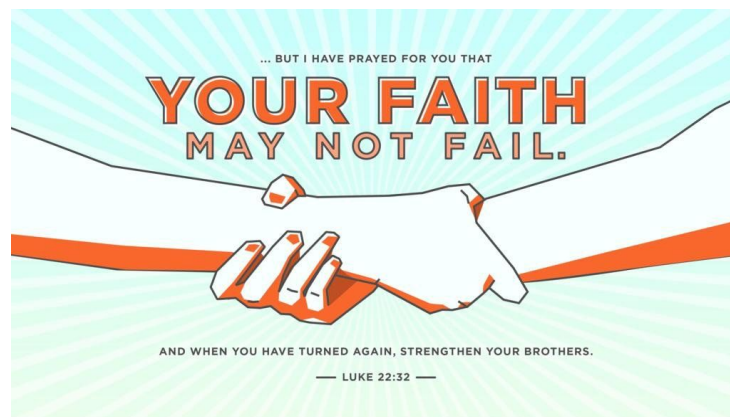
The visible part of our Lord's ministry rose from a hidden part which only the Father could see

---prayer and intercession---



Our Lord's prayer life was like an iceberg below the surface
----**huge and hidden**----

"But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail."



If this kind of prayer was essential for our Master, how can it be any less for us?

Praying for others is a ministry that no one sees but God.

It's the one ministry for which every follower of Jesus is gifted and called.

It's the most powerful service we can render to God and to our neighbor

---provided we live what we pray.

(Don't be asking God to feed the hungry, if you never share your own bread.)

Intercession is simply lifting each name before the Father's throne...

Releasing **heaven's power** upon that person

A power that flows only through our prayers.

*Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

Matthew 18:18

Binding the powers of darkness and releasing the captives is never meant to be a dramatic scene. Jesus never put on a show.

The place where deliverance begins is in the presence of God alone.

“Go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father in secret.”

Matthew 6:6

Intercession

----powerful, effective prayer for others---
is simply part of our daily life,
the foundation of all we do in the name of the Lord.



The Apostle Paul was a busy man--- making tents to pay the bills, teaching and preaching. But beneath all his activity was the relentless discipline of prayer.

I thank God whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my fathers, when I remember you constantly in my prayers.

II Timothy 1:3

When Paul prayed for Timothy, it was no ritual act.

His prayers for Timothy and others burned with *redemptive fire*.

Nor was intercession a once-and-done thing for Paul.

It was done faithfully.

“I remember you constantly in my prayers.”

Help from Heaven

Once we get serious about praying for others,
a strange “wind” begins to stir behind us and lifts us on its wings.

We may not “feel” anything. We may even find ourselves struggling (after all prayer is work) as we take hold of those lives which the Spirit puts before us for prayer day after day.

But always we are aided by the Spirit himself.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

Once we begin daily to “go into our room and shut the door and pray to our Father in secret,” the Spirit gives us a “bundle” of people to pray for by name ---

our loved ones,

our neighbors,

our colleagues at work,

our detractors.

our hard-nosed enemies.



As we intercede the Spirit is taking us into the *redemptive flow of the Kingdom.*

Most of the “results” of our intercessions will become visible to us...
only after we arrive at the Banquet of God.

But not one prayer is wasted.

Our intellect will question the “value” of lifting names before God.

Satan will accuse us of being pious fools.

But the Spirit will guard us with the fire of heaven as we press on.

Intercession is effective labor in the Kingdom.

Intercession brings glory to no one but God.

Intercession is the root of every visible thing we do for others in the name of Jesus.

Lord Jesus, show us how to do it, and keep doing it well!



***Therefore confess your sins to one another,
and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.***

James 5:16

Prayer.

Dear Holy Lord, we come before your very presence and ask that you help us to be faithful and serious about intercession, this powerful service that we all are called to. Move us beyond prayer as a ritual, guard us with the fire of heaven so that we don't give up, we don't weaken. Holy Spirit intercede for us, stir us, lift us so that our intercessions burn with redemptive fire. Lord we lay the people you place on our hearts before your throne, release them from captivity, protect them from the powers of darkness, heal them, guide them, strengthen them. May the power of Heaven be released into their lives as we lift their names to you now....

Maranatha Mirror

Dear Maranatha Mirror Short subscribers... This message was so strong, powerful and necessary that I decided to send this out to the "short group" even though it's a longer message. May it touch your hearts and send you on your knees so that you may release the power of Heaven into this world.