

The Call To Intercessory Prayer

With the world going through this coronavirus attack, I know this can be the Church's finest hour.

There are many bad things happening today, and we can look all around and see the devastation that people are suffering. People are being persecuted; they're being tortured by wicked people that want to do them harm, and they're suffering with sickness and disease. But the worst thing that could ever happen to a person is to live forever in the place of suffering called hell.

Jesus came to save people from hell. If you're a Christian, you need to make sure everyday that you praise the Lord for your salvation! But another thing God wants us to do is use our prayers to stop the devil from taking other people to hell. You might ask, "How can my prayers stop people from going to hell?" Let's go to the Bible and find out how.

1 Timothy 2:1 KJV I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

In this verse, we see the word 'intercessions'. The meaning of intercession is an interposing or pleading on behalf of another person.

When we intercede for people, we are praying to God for them; because they are not praying for themselves. Before people receive Jesus as their Savior, the majority of them are resisting God's will. In fact, many of them don't want God interfering in their lives. I believe most non-Christians are just ignorant of Satan's work in their lives. Satan knows the only way for a person to be saved is for that person to choose Jesus as their Lord. If they don't reach out to God themselves, it limits God from helping them. You might say, "I thought God can do anything". God cannot go against His Word. He gave man the right to choose their destiny. If a person chooses to go to hell, God has to allow it. He hates it, but He cannot interfere with it.

But God did create a means to get to people, even when they choose against His will. If a person will not ask for themselves, God will allow others to ask for them. This is called Intercessory Prayer. To be a person that God can use to intercede for others, you must stop selfishness in your life. If we want to be used by God to set people free from Satan's hell, we must commit to sacrificial living.

When I look at our military, firemen, policemen, and many other people with dangerous occupations, I'm so grateful for what they do. They put their lives on the line for others. They choose to live their lives for others. As your pastor, I desire to see us take that same commitment into Intercessory Prayer. God wants to use us to foil the plans of Satan. Satan desires to take as many people as he can to hell. Let's stop him with our prayers!

Love you,
Pastor Paul

Scripture verses to study:

1 Timothy 2:1-4 KJV I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; [2] For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; [4] Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

***This Week's Daily Bible Readings**

4-4-20

Monday	Jeremiah chapter 11
Tuesday	Jeremiah chapter 12
Wednesday	Jeremiah chapter 13
Thursday	Jeremiah chapter 14
Friday	Jeremiah chapter 15
Saturday	Jeremiah chapter 16
Sunday	Jeremiah chapter 17