

Intercessory Prayer

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I'd like to talk a little bit about prayer. Jesus did a lot of praying. When tired, drained, tempted and when He needed consolation, He prayed. So why not do the same?

I start my day as I get out of bed thanking Jesus for the night's sleep (good or bad), and to help me with my day. It doesn't take much effort or time. You would be surprised how much better you feel knowing our Lord will be there all day long to see you through whatever you have thrown at you during the day.

The Bible is full of how, what and where to pray:

If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask and it shall be done for you. John 15:7

You will make your prayer to Him and he will hear you. Job 22:27

Ask and it will be given, seek and you will find. Everyone who asks receives and he who seeks finds. Matthew 7:7-8

Whatever you ask in prayer you will receive. Matthew 21:22

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and hidden things. Jeremiah 33:3

Of course we do not always get the answers we want. But if you reflect on some of His answers you will find they were better than you wanted. In Kathryn Koob's book, "Guest of the Revelation", she tells how daily prayer sustained her during her 444 days as a hostage in Iran.

"To seek the Lord in our aloneness is to gain a special measure of His strength and His wisdom, and the peace that passeth all understanding."



In closing, this poem on Intercessory Prayer:

When you come to the edge
 Of all the light
 You've known.
And are about to step off
 Into the darkness of the
 unknown,
Faith is knowing one of two things will happen,
 there will be something solid to stand on or
 You will be taught how to fly.