

Principles for Effective Intercession

1. Make time to prepare your heart before God and celebrate your inclusion in the victory of Christ. Ps 66:18 Is 59:1,2 Ps 139:23,24 1Jh 3:21,22 Rom 5:17 2Cor 5:21
2. Acknowledge that you cannot really pray without the direction and energy of the Holy Spirit. Rom 8:26 Eph 5:18
3. Put aside your own imaginations, desires and burdens for what you feel you should pray for and ask God to show you what is on His heart. Prov 3:6,6 Prov 28:26 Is 55:8
4. Deal aggressively with the enemy and specifically silence him from having any effect on the prayer time. James 4:7
5. Praise Him now in faith for the remarkable prayer time you are going to have. He is a remarkable God and will do something consistent with His character. Heb 11:6
6. Wait in silent expectancy and listen for His promptings. Then in obedience and faith speak out what God brings to your mind. Jh 10:27
7. Pray through the burdens as the Lord lays them on your heart being sensitive not to move onto the next subject until you have given God sufficient time to discharge all He wants to say regarding a particular burden; especially when praying in a group.
8. Always have your Bible with you should God want to give you direction or confirmation from it. Ps 119:105
9. Finish by praising and thanking God for what He has done and remind yourself that 'from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever.' Rom 11:36
10. Lastly. Be sensitive whether the burden/s God shares with you need to be shared with others or not. Sometimes God might want you to ponder it your heart and to wait for his timing to share at a later stage.