



Recruiting Intercessory Prayer Support

We have recruited family, friends, and congregational members to pray for our work and for our clients. We also want to encourage you to participate in gathering intercessory prayer support for your healing work with us.

We encourage you to pray (as you are able) for your own healing work. We would also like to encourage a serious, intentional effort to recruit intercessors. This recruitment would be more than just saying “pray for me” to some of your Christian friends.

Many mature Christians who have studied prayer have found that spouses, parents, children, or close friends seem to have special authority in prayer for you. It will be especially helpful if any of these are available for intercessory prayer.

Our perception with respect to our own prayer is that knowing more about a given situation helps us to pray specifically. We therefore encourage you to tell your intercessors as much as you feel comfortable sharing regarding the specifics of your work with us. We encourage you to keep your intercessors informed about prayers that have been answered.

Sharing this memo with potential intercessors might be helpful -- certainly feel free to do so if you feel it would be useful.

One specific thought would be to ask people (whenever possible) to pray during your session here. This would be especially important if we are planning a session we anticipate will be particularly intense and/or difficult.

I have found *Intercessory Prayer*, by Dutch Sheets, to be particularly helpful for understanding intercessory prayer. I encourage you to read this book yourself, and also to encourage those praying for you to read it.

Good quotes about prayer¹:

S.D. Gordon: “You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed....Prayer is striking the winning blow...service is gathering up the results.”

John Wesley: “God does nothing on the earth save in answer to believing prayer.”

Andrew Murray: “God’s giving is inseparably connected with our asking....Only by intercession can that power be brought down from heaven which will enable the Church to conquer the world.”

¹Found in Dutch Sheets, *Intercessory Prayer*. (Ventura, CA: Regal, A Division of Gospel Light, 1996), pages 23, 30.