

**WORSHIP WITH AN EYE TO NEWCOMERS - elective**  
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**INTERCESSION (Prayers for Others)**

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**A. Why are we praying for others?**

What do we expect God to do? This is theology at work.

**B. Seasons**

Variety of emphases possible in each service

Assuming a seasonal priority – special Sundays

**C. Size**

A high degree of interaction can shrink the group.

Confidence that the prayer-leader knows our concerns.

**D. Models to use – some ideas that work.**

- a. Concentric circles – us, neighbourhood, city, nation, world (trad.).
- b. Stories with responses – testimony, print, newspaper.
- c. Response arising out of the scripture passage.
- d. Solidarity – if you have been in a situation like this, stand and lead.
- e. Biblical Diagnostic – send someone.. not magic-prayers.
- f. Who is on your mind? The concerns of the life stages.
- g. List of ministries and those in ministry in them– mostly local, presbytery, other
- h. Places around your neighbourhood – mental road journey, actual journey?
- i. Places around the church building – pulpit, porch, music stands, lectern, kids room, each favourite pew, etc
- j. Single focus – prayer for the lost.
- k. A selection of “one another” verses.

**E. Fostering Levels of Intercessory Prayer**

1. Token: “God be with them and comfort them.” It is better than silence.
2. Concerned – raising our concerns to God on a daily/weekly basis. Everyone
3. Timely – praying for the time, at the time that it is needed. Occasional – half.
4. Working – the praying must be done, so let us do it. The twelve.
5. Warrior – lingering in prayer until a breakthrough comes. The Three.
6. Listener –God’s word for the specific situation, or part of it together with others. Two.
7. Prophet – regularly and reliably intercedes for God with Humans and vice versa. Rare.

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE LUKE 19**

- 2 And, behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.
- 4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that *way*.5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold.9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

## **BIBLICAL DIAGNOSTIC SSSSS**

**1. SORROW AND SICKNESS** – illness, natural disaster, children born handicapped, addiction, random. **Send someone who can help, heal and comfort.**

**2. BEING SINNED AGAINST** – Words and actions, that traumatize or nag at the soul. Reactions to being abused is to abuse another, violence, exploited, neglect. **Send someone who can protect, counsel and heal.**

**3. BEING A SINNER** - our abuse of freedom, our leaning to believe in our success, exploit another, we continue to create and perpetuate evil. **Send someone with the gospel.**

**4. SYSTEMIC EVIL.** things done by policy-values by big companies, or by politicians acting in national interest. War inflicting injustice. Cultural prejudices, inequality, road carnage, terrorism. **Send someone who will bring justice with peacemaking.**

**5. SATANIC SPIRITS.** The curious can be tempted through fear or fascination. Attacks on church leaders' families. Outbursts at special events. Sometimes, a major "dark presence" in a place or person or a family tree, in order to cause fear and rob faith. **Send someone with keen discernment and the power of Jesus' name.**

*NOTE: If no one has had experience in this category, so much the better for them! However, it would be false for someone to argue from that silence, that there was nothing real about this category. Jesus used it often. A category either over-emphasised or ignored, usually. Don't toy with it!*

## **ONE ANOTHERS**

Joh 13:14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash [one another](#)'s feet.

Joh 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love [one another](#); as I have loved you, that ye also love [one another](#).

Joh 15:17 These things I command you, that ye love [one another](#).

Ro 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing [one another](#);) )

Ro 12:10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring [one another](#);

Ro 14:13 Let us not therefore judge [one another](#) any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

Ro 15:7 Wherefore receive ye [one another](#), as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Ro 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish [one another](#).

Ro 16:16 Salute [one another](#) with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

1Co 16:20 All the brethren greet you. Greet ye [one another](#) with an holy kiss.

2Co 13:12 Greet [one another](#) with an holy kiss.

Ga 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve [one another](#).