

Intercession Goes Beyond “God Bless So & So” **Colossians 1:9-14**

In Colossians 1:9-14, Paul provides a model for how to pray intelligently for other believers. We should pray that other believers will:

1. Be controlled by what God desires (9)

2. Live their faith (10-14)

Pray they would demonstrate:

- Fruitful service (10b)
- Growing knowledge (10c)
- Patient endurance (11)
- Thankful attitudes (12)

Three reasons to give thanks:

- We share in the inheritance (12)
- We were rescued (13a)
- We are forgiven (13b-14)

Principles of Intercessory Prayer

- Abraham – Prayer is a conversation where God reveals his plans to us and invites us to intercede for those who need mercy
- Jacob – God cannot bless us until we stop wrestling him for control of our lives
- Elijah – Average people can have powerful prayer lives, but they must pray
- Daniel – To intercede for a city, begin with confession and identify with the people you are praying for
- Jesus – Pray that other believers will accomplish God’s purpose and bring him glory
- Paul (Ephesians) – Pray that others will understand who they are in Christ and become stronger spiritually
- Paul (Colossians) – Pray that others will be controlled by what God desires and live their faith