



“You are a Royal Priesthood:” Call to intercede for BIEC’s “Global Parish!”

As priests, appointed by God, we have the honor of going before the Most High to serve Him, His people, and the world. “This is not optional; it is a sacred obligation—and a precious privilege.” (Foster)

Intercession is a privilege because intercessors listen to God’s purposes and then pray in Christ, with authority, informed by missionaries’ prayer letters, into particular situations. By putting God’s kingdom and the salvation of others first, intercessors are being transformed into the image of Jesus. If we abide in Jesus, our prayers are supported by the eternal high-priest who carries His church in prayer (Heb. 7:25).

When Israel was attacked by the Amalekites, Moses military strategy was strange and powerful (Ex. 17:8–13). He sent Joshua to fight the battle in the valley. Moses himself went to his “prayer group,” overlooking the battleground of God’s Mission. While the missionaries engage in “physical combat,” Moses with his group engages in spiritual combat. Moses task was not the easier one, for he grew tired and needed the support of his group. It may look as if the “Joshuas” are doing all the battling, but the Bible tells us that this is not the full story. Back behind the scenes, the battle of intercession was won by Moses. Each role was essential for victory.

Every Christian worker needs a team of Prayer Partners. There is hardly any work in missions and ministry that allows you to be so close to the heart beat of the Triune God. In the Spirit, intercessors are united through their prayer work with the missionaries in God’s Mission. If you believe that you are called to be part of God’s Mission in this crucial role, please sign up.

PRAYER MODELS

“Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed.” (Ex. 17:11)

Jesus’ intercessory prayer in John 17 contains a great vision for the Church. He essentially prays for four things : i) that God will protect the Church in the truth, ii) that God will sanctify His Church, iii) that the Church will be a missionary Church, and iv) that the Church will be one, rooted in the Triune God. What a prayer model!

Paul the great missionary apostle also provides wonderful model prayers. Why not use them creatively in your prayer ministry (cf. Phil. 1:9–11, Eph. 3:14–21, Col. 1:9–12)?

