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## RESTORATION OF INTERCESSION IN THE CHURCH



Mark of  
disgrace

Superficial  
lacking intercession  
very little impact

Dear Lord, we ask that prayer will no longer be trivialized in our churches, glossed over, treated in a perfunctory manner, and put on the back burner as non-essential. Adjust our priorities, that once again Your Church will be known as a house of prayer for all nations. Do away with the reproach and the stigma which has been attached to us. Let us no longer be a laughingstock, a hissing, a byword, or a conversation piece to be bantered about by society.

*feasting rewards*

We ask You, Lord, to jolt the Church out of its state of slumber and lethargy. We pray in a deep resolve to never again hold another meeting that is not bathed in prayer before, during, and after. Grant that our gatherings would begin to resemble the New Testament Church and the assembly in the book of Acts.

*to be like*

We acknowledge before You this day, Lord, we have only two options: Your Church shall either become a den of thieves and robbers, or it shall be a house of prayer. We invite You to cleanse Your temple, drive out that which robs, steals, perverts, distorts and dilutes.

*weak*

Strengthen the hands and hearts of the intercessors in this area to rise up and prevail upon You for the Church victorious and the Church militant to come forth in all of its glory, radiance, authority and power to take back this area for the purposes for which it was originally intended. Bring back

the glory to Your Church, so once again, our assemblies can begin to resemble the New Testament and read like the book of Acts.

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It's obvious, Lord, You have come back to cleanse the temple just as You did in New Testament days when Your house of prayer had deteriorated into a merchandising market. We acknowledge Your Church is either a safe haven for thieves and robbers where Christians get ripped off, or it's a house of prayer for all nations. Bring back a mantle of prayer. Let us identify with the Father's heartbeat. Let us pray the Father's prayers. God, restore us back to New Testament Church. Increase our hunger for You and give us an insatiable thirst for Your Word.

*/Incapable of being satisfied*

Give us such a heart of compassion for Your Church-- just like You, Lord Jesus, when You cried out in Matthew 23:37.

**"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."**

Give us such a love for Your Church that at times we could mount the hill of our city and weep intercessory tears over Your Bride. Raise up prayer warriors who will so identify with the Father's heart and pray the Father's prayers over the Church in this city and press in and persevere until religious demons are routed, doctrines of devils are silenced and ecclesiastical hirelings who are building self-aggrandizing dynasties are replaced with those who have a true shepherd's heart which is full of love and will feed Your sheep.

churchly

*keeping a firm hold*

We pray that You would raise up an army of intercessors, green-beret prayer warriors who are loving and kind, but also tenacious, persistent and persevering, who will take an assignment by Your Spirit and press it to the gates and won't take "No" for an answer. Lord, in the midst of all of our organization and board meetings and therapy sessions and anemic churchianity, we desperately need those who know how to stand in the gap and make up the hedge, who know how to take hold of the horns of the altar, and weep between the altar and the porch as spoken of in Joel, and pray until the atmosphere is charged with the presence of the Lord. Thank You for restoring prayer back to Your Church.

*lack of power, weak*

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Increasing of one's power*