

## **Prophetic intercession**

**Prophetic intercession is the direction for our times as it reveals the Lords heart through the workings of the Holy Spirit. The purpose of prophetic intercession is to enter into the will of God, on the earth, so that lives are changed and communities, towns and cities are transformed.**

**When we prophesy we are communicating with God and listening to Him share the secrets of His heart and the strategies of His work. The word intercession simply means to pray or intercede on behalf of someone else; it's pleading with God for your needs or the needs of others. However intercessory prayer is not just praying for someone or something: it extends beyond that as you're not praying from your own heart but the Lords heart.**

**In order to pray prophetically we have to lay down our own agenda and petition God for His agenda, His mind and His will. We have to be dependent on God, listening closely in order to act on His divine inspirations. The more we press into His presence; the more the Holy Spirit will direct and guide us, revealing how we should pray and what we should focus on. The hardest part is stepping out in faith but once you take that step the more prophetic revelations will be revealed; almost like a box of tissues when you pull one out more will follow.**

**Prophetic Intercession is an amazing gift from God and we are often led to pray this way at our prayer group, (founded 26 years ago) which meets twice a week. On Monday evenings we meet in St Teresa's Church, Trent Vale, Stoke-on-Trent, this is a lively Charismatic meeting open to all. Early on, we were shown that, as well as the Monday prayer group, the Lord wanted us to spend some time really listening to him – so on Friday mornings a smaller group of mature Christians gather, from a variety of denominations, to seek the heart of Jesus. We are a mixed bunch of people who probably would never have been friends left to our own devices yet he bought us together to seek his heart and by his grace we have developed and grown. The Lord revealed a new direction for our group and our meetings became a 'listening to the Heart of Jesus' meeting. The Holy Spirit leads and directs our prayers according to His will and the meeting finishes when the Holy Spirit finishes.**

**At the Friday group we start the meeting by surrendering to God and laying down our own agendas. We praise and worship spontaneously and ask the Lord to reveal His heart, which is usually preceded with a time of silence as we reach out and listen in faith. After the time of silence, we are all encouraged to share what we have received from the Lord in the quiet time. There will be a scribe writing down what the Lord is revealing. We often find that what someone assumes to be insignificant is usually a key contribution: we are never discouraged from sharing as we feel the**

**Holy Spirit gather up the fragmented parts of the puzzle, from each person, and piece them together ultimately revealing the heart of the Lord.**

**One Friday morning, one of the ladies had a scripture that she insisted we listened to very carefully. (Jonah 2:8). “He who clings to worthless idols forfeits the grace that could be theirs”.**

**This ministered to two people in the group, one of whom was me. We prayed and asked the Lord what idols we had in our lives. For two of us, it became very clear that our idols were our jobs (we were college lecturers). Within twelve months, we had both left our well-paid posts and embarked on a new adventure in ministry.**

**Another time, one of our Pentecostal brothers, who normally didn't receive pictures, shared that during the quiet time of prayer, he had pictured himself designing letter boxes, none of which were quite at the right height. As he shared it, I was shown what it meant. I had been struggling with a prophetic word I had received for someone, as it hadn't been received well when I shared it. This brother's picture was the Lord showing me that when I receive a prophetic word, I am only the postman, and not responsible for what people make of it!**

**How privileged we are that God allows us to hear and experience him through mental impressions, pictures, scripture verses, open and closed visions, words of knowledge in our own bodies and**

**hearts and even receiving the inner voice or audible voice in our emotions. People are able to see, hear and sense what the Holy Spirit is doing in the meetings. A crucial part of the meeting is praying in faith what we have received from the Lord. We pray in the spirit spontaneous faith filled prayers together, which may consist of prophecy, words of knowledge, affirmation, warfare prayers and symbolic action.**

**Often we are led to decree, declare and proclaim what's been revealed by the Holy Spirit into the atmosphere. Ephesians 6:18**  
***"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."***

**Before the meeting finishes we have a time of thanksgiving for all the Lord has done and accomplished.**

**Jesus teaches that all Gods people can hear his voice in John 10: 2-5**  
***"But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. 5 They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."***

**When you know God you learn to recognise His voice above all others. God wants to tell us things we've never seen or heard before.**

**The word of God encourages us to walk in the Spirit and allow the Holy Spirit to pray through us.**

**Prophetic Intercession takes place throughout the bible: In Joshua 6:1-5 the Walls of Jericho came tumbling down because of their prophetic intercession.**

**The need for Prophetic Intercessors has never been greater and we are all called either individually or in a group setting. Some people can sense a spiritual shift that's taking place globally as the Spirit of God moves to a new season. For some this may be difficult to embrace but if we do not welcome this new season, there is a danger that we could stagnate. The old season could be a limitation to you reaching your spiritual potential - especially in the days we are living in.**

**At a leaders meeting led by Charles and Sue Whitehead in Highlea London there was much discussed about being prepared for this new season. The Lord gave me the following Prophecy while I was there:**

**I was shown a tree planted by the water, as in Psalm 1.**

***“The man who delights in the Lord and meditates on his law day and night is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.”***

**As I watched the vision unfold the roots of the tree were shooting along the ground growing at a supernatural rate (faster than a man could walk). The Lord was saying that, for those who have waited upon the Lord, you will see acceleration in your spiritual growth rate, growing so fast that the enemy can't keep up!**

**There is a sense that the Lord is allowing us to read tomorrows newspapers today! Prophetic gifting's going on to a new level.**

**Many, as Charismatics in the Catholic Church, have felt the frustration of feeling like 'square pegs in round holes', not able to use what the Lord has given them. In this new season 'the people need your gifting's.**

**The 'Good News' is that the Lord has been equipping and preparing you for such a time as this and you are \*'Coming into your own'**

**(\*Cambridge Dictionary defines 'Coming into your own' as "to be very useful or successful in a particular situation, usually after much effort or time")**

**The Lord will bless your faithfulness, this new season is about restoration - we can no longer just do maintenance. God wants to**

**use each of us and we have to press in to the calling He has placed on our lives. Entering into prophetic intercession is one of the ways in which this new season will be unpacked.**

**The time is NOW, this is the season to march out in splendour and If not you, then who will he send? If not now, then when?**