

What is an Intercessor? : Clues from the Word.

1. An intercessor is a Companion of God: Enoch
2. An intercessor is one who fulfils the whole will of God: Abram.
3. An intercessor is one who should expect to dialogue with God: Abraham
4. An intercessor is a friend of God : Moses
5. An Intercessor is well organised regarding intercession: Aaron
6. An intercessor must often plead for God's mercy when the Church fails to live in the good of His word.
- 7 An intercessor echoes many Scriptures in prayer: not least St Paul.
8. An intercessor must trust the Word of the Lord. Moses
9. An intercessor has the complete covering of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 33:26-29 The final words of Moses, the intercessor:

²⁶ *'There is on one like the God of Jeshurun,
who rides on the heavens to help you
and on the clouds in his majesty.
²⁷ The Eternal God is your refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.
He will drive out your enemy before you,
saying, 'Destroy him!'*

²⁸ *So Israel will live in safety alone; Jacob's spring is secure
in a land of grain and new wine,
where the heavens drop dew.*

²⁹ *Blessed are you, O Israel!
He is your shield and helper*

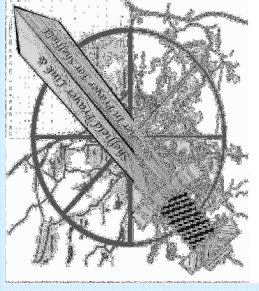
*and your glorious sword.
Your enemies will cover before you,
and you will trample down their high places.'*

It is not only our Methodist brothers and sisters who begin a new 'church year' in September. I think that most churches and fellowships see this month as a time for 'beginnings' with the LORD and for the LORD, so these last words of Moses may be received as our covering for the new season of seeking a renewed vision and a replenished anointing to come alongside and join Him, 'who ever lives to make intercession for us.'

I encourage you to ponder these words of blessing—take them into yourselves, just as Ezekiel was given the scroll to eat, [Ezekiel ch 2&3]. This next season of intercession will have times of sourness and sweetness as we address both the sins and the missions of the Church of Christ. But, come what may, just consider the words on the banner that covers us. Each of the four verses above are packed with promises. Let us live and pray in the good of them.

My love to you all. Noëi

**29th Nov- Quarterly Prayer Concert.— Wesley Hall. Crookes
From 9am till noon**



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"**WE ARE NOT SAVED**" is Jeremiah's anguished cry in Jeremiah 8:20. The whole verse reads, "*The harvest is past, the summer is ended and we are not saved. He goes on to say, "I am crushed. I mourn...Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wounds of my people?"*

Jeremiah was in a state of despair as he viewed the moral and spiritual devastation in his nation with all its social and political consequences. It broke his heart, and he complained that there was not enough fluid in the head for all the tears he would have shed because of what he saw happening, or not happening [Jer 9:1]. All his preaching had not produced the repentance he had hoped for, nor had it averted the subsequent judgement now coming upon that unresponsive and wilfully degenerate generation. He could not see any hopeful signs of things being any different.

Yet there WAS hope in all of that darkness, and in Lamentations 3:22-23 that ray of hope broke into Jeremiah's darkness. "*Because of the Lord's great love...there may be hope, for men are not cast off by the Lord for ever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.*"

Looking out at our society, we might well identify with Jeremiah's weeping complaint. But we can also identify with the ray of hope and pray into it, as Jeremiah did at the end of his lamentations. "*Restore us to you, O Lord, that we may be restored. Renew our days as of old*" [Lam 5:21] and may Sheffield experience the power of your restoring, renewing grace!

Sheffield Prayer Team

Each month the Sheffield Prayer Team meet to pray for the monthly prioritised areas of the city. You are invited to join us at the Sheffield Cross Links office for that prayer time. Every third Wednesday in the month from 10: till 11. am . For further information, or if you have prayer points for your area please ring the SCL office: 0114 2493956.

‘The God who made the world and everything in it, is the Lord of heaven and earth... He himself gives all men life and breath and everything else...For in him we live and move and have our being’
Acts 17:24-28

ONE WORLD WEEK –

19th to 26th October

One World Week aims to enable groups at local level to work across boundaries of culture, and creed, and to recognise we are part of one world and that if we understand each other’s perspectives, our lives can be transformed and enriched.

Many churches will be acknowledging this week and seeing it as a chance to educate and encourage God’s people to move beyond comfort zones, reaching out to neighbourhood and community.

Please pray: for all churches involved in this opportunity.

Please pray: for your neighbours, your street, your locality; for wider understanding, tolerance and patience toward people of different understanding, race or creed; for peace to reign in the heart of our communities.

Please pray: for our world; for troubled spots and war torn countries; that our world will not be torn apart by terrorists and factions; That people will hear the Gospel and respond.

<http://www.oneworldweek.org/>

Bathing An Area in Prayer For a Month

Each month we focus on a segment of the city. Starting NORTH, and working clockwise, we will cover every area of Sheffield.

This month please pray for the churches in: S10 & S6

**RANMOOR. CROOKES. CROOKSMOOR. TAPTON. WALKLEY.
NETHERTHORPE. LODGEMOOR. UPPERTHORPE.
STANNINGTON**

- Pray for church leaders; for the wisdom and power of God in their lives and in their preaching of the Gospel.
- Pray that the people of God in these areas will be brighter lights and stronger salt; greater witnesses for the Gospel
- Pray for unity among the brothers. No matter what denomination, tribe or stream, pray that God will unite together His children.

Now this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of him.

1 John 5:14, 15

A call to a National Day of Prayer about Abortion 27th October

A National Day of Prayer about abortion will be held on the 41st anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act.

In 2007, according to Government figures, 219,301 babies died by abortion in the UK. That’s 18,000 a month, 4,000 a week, and 600 every day. Of the year’s total, 98 per cent were so-called social abortions. Now we have virtually abortion on demand. The Government are meeting in October to vote on more liberal amendments to the abortion law

Please pray: that God will raise up men and women with a burning desire for justice for the unborn.

Please Pray: that the Government, will recognise they are appointed by God to represent Him in government, that they have a need before God to protect innocent human life, and that unborn babies are persons too. Pray for pro-life MPs and peers.

Through October please pray for the following outreach projects:

- **ON-SIDE MEN’S EVENT-** 3rd Oct
Baz Gascoyne speaking at the Hallamshire Suite, Sheffield Wednesday Football Club 7.30pm T: 07882 131370
- **WALKING IN VICTORY CON-FERENCE** 16th–19th Oct
At Victory Assembly, Faith Centre, 99 John St. S2 4QX. 7pm T: 270 9633
- **HOPE ALWAYS– 22nd Oct**
Pastor Bill Wilson speaking at St Thomas Church, Philadelphia Campus, 6 Gilpin St. S6 3BL. 7.30pm T: 243 5293

Whatever you ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.

John 14:13, 14

Please Pray: for people contemplating abortion, that they will understand that children are a gift from God, that He has a purpose for each life, and that if they need help, help is available. Pray for the babies. Pray babies will be saved from death today.

Please Pray: for children and young people in schools, colleges and universities. Pray they may find good role models and be reached with a positive message about the sanctity of human life and the value of chastity outside of marriage.

The Christian Medical Fellowship has issued an urgent appeal for help to prevent liberalisation of the Abortion Act. They are asking people to write urgently to the Prime Minister and to their MP regarding the amendments to abortion law about to be considered in Parliament. Details of how to write and what to say can be found on CMF’s website at www.cmf.org.uk.

Please pray, it says, that for the sake of mothers, babies, doctors and society the abortion law will not be further liberalised.

Inside Justice Week

18-25 October

During this week, numerous events and activities will take place up and down the country to show you how justice is done in our police stations, courts and prisons.

Please pray: for all people working within the justice and law systems in Sheffield

Please pray: for J.P.’s, Judge’s Barristers, Solicitors and Police, that they may uphold the law in a righteous and wise way.

Please pray: for people involved in criminality, ask the Lord to open their eyes and bring them to repentance before him.

Please pray: for the victims of crime, for the support centres and carers who help after such events. Pray for mental and physical restoration.

Please pray: for witnesses of crime, and the effects on them, pray for mental restoration .
Please pray: people working in police courts and prisons services.

<http://insidejustice.cjsonline.gov.uk/>