



## Episode 014

# Intercessor's heart for the world

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## Introduction

We discussed how we can bring the personal touch of Jesus as we pray for individuals, but it is also important to focus on the world – the nations and cities around us. Our prayers can have an impact on countries. God is searching for intercessors. Will you be one who intercedes for the nations? Will you allow God to place a specific country in your heart for the purpose of prayer? God can ignite in you a passion for that nation and the world.

When our heartbeat aligns with the heartbeat of our Almighty God, we unlock our authority. God saw eternal souls, which transformed His approach to life. This is why Jesus willingly became the sacrificial Lamb, offering atonement for our sins to save us. As intercessors, we must see the lost just as He did. This perspective will not only impact our prayer lives but also the way we live.

Start praying for the world by asking God to burden your heart for a nation, a people group, or a specific region. You can also pray for troubled areas of the world that you hear about in the news. God wants all of us to open our eyes, expand our vision, and begin praying for the needy world around us. Psalm 2:8 says, "Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession."

There are various ways to pray for nations. Some intercessors prefer using prayer cards with requests for different nations, while others like to pray over large maps. You can also utilize resources like the book or website "Open Doors International," which provides information about nations for focused prayer. Let the Holy Spirit lead you and burden your heart for different parts of the world.



When praying for nations, consider the following potential prayer points:

- Thank God for His work in the nations.
- Pray for just laws, righteous moral standards, and the proper placement of the Word of God.
- Pray for God's people to walk in holiness, fear of the Lord, and obedience, leading to spiritual awakening.
- Pray for the church to reach out to the poor, needy, homeless, and imprisoned.
- Pray for God to send His workers into the harvest.
- Pray for the establishment of 24/7 prayer and worship in every major city of every nation.

We are God's hands, feet, and mouthpieces to a lost and desperate world. Our mission is to live our daily lives speaking words of life and truth to those who are hurting, broken, and lost. Isaiah 61:1 says, "The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners."



Practical steps to take:

- We are the salt of the earth and should bring the flavor of Christ to the world.

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.” – Matthew 5:13

- Our presence can help preserve a community. Exodus 33:14 states, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
- The Holy Spirit within us is greater than the demonic forces in the world. 1 John 4:4 assures us, "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."
- We can overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21 encourages us, "Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good."
- We serve as God's ambassadors on earth. 2 Corinthians 5:20 says, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled."

Sometimes, I feel prompted to pray for different nations as I visit each one.



## Discussion Questions

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These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

1. Is there a specific nation that God has brought to your attention as you seek His face?
2. What steps would you need to take to begin praying for that nation?





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