

<p>Theme & Passages</p>	<p>Prayer: Intercession Matthew 6:10; 2 Chronicles 7:13-14, Exodus 17:8-13, Genesis 18:22-33</p>	<p>Notes prepared by Caroline Oliveira</p>
<p>Preparation</p>	<p>In order to play the video, you will need a TV or computer screen that everyone can see and an internet connection.</p>	
<p>Welcome (5 mins)</p>	<p>Share an experience of something that happened against your will, but turned out to be a blessing. (There probably isn't time for detailed accounts, just the headlines will do!)</p>	
<p>Introduction (5 mins)</p>	<p>Read today's key verse: "Your kingdom come" – Matthew 6:10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In this session, we'll explore the power and importance of praying on behalf of others. Begin the session by opening in prayer. 	
<p>Video (20 mins)</p>	<p>Watch this 20 minute video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuU2cZ5uCfA</p> <p>Summary points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When God's people intercede, God intervenes. There is power in our free will. 4 steps of intercession: get informed, get inspired, get indignant, get in synch. 	
<p>Discussion (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Discuss the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What did you find most helpful or most challenging in the video? How do you feel about intercessory prayer – do you find it's something that comes naturally or is it more of a challenge? <p>"Our free wills are powerful; they can release or restrict the purposes of God."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does this affect the way that we come to God in intercessory prayer? Have you ever had a feeling that you needed to pray for something or someone? What happened? <p>"Prayer isn't about trying to get God to say amen to what I want; prayer is about me saying amen to God's will for my life"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What would it look like for you to pray this week with this perspective? 	
<p>Do it (15 mins)</p>	<p>As a group, spend some time interceding for your community, town or nation. Follow the 4 steps Pete outlined:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Get informed: learn the facts by checking the news, or updates about the people you're praying for. (Leader's note: You might like to find some facts, prayer points or updates ahead of this session). Get inspired: What is God saying about this? Invite the Holy Spirit to speak into the situations you're interceding for. Get indignant: Engage your own heart and allow yourself to think and feel honestly as you pray. Get in sync: engage together. You might like to all pray out loud at once, or pray in a circle so that everyone has a chance to pray and be heard. 	