

PRAYING WITH AND FOR OTHERS

EXPLORING THE PRACTICE OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010

9:30AM-3:30PM

RETREAT LEADER:

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Before we can ever begin to care for and to pray for another person or human situation, intercession has already been going on. God holds each son and daughter in a loving gaze seeking to deepen our awareness of who it is that really loves us. Intercession is already operating for us and instigating our caring in prayer.

Modern theology and science are deepening awareness that all of life is held a web of connection. I wonder whether you realize a deep, great fact? That souls, all human souls, are interconnected...Nothing is more real than this interconnection....(Baron Von Hugel). Within this sacred web, we express care through intercessory prayer.

Intercessory prayer is one of the many avenues of prayer. Yet, as with all prayer, we begin knowing with the Apostle Paul, that we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words." (Rom. 8:26)

In this time together we will explore some distractions to prayer; the effect of prayer on both the pray-er and the one held in prayer; and some ways of practicing intercessory prayer. Paul's prayer will be our guide: I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in prayer. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him...(Eph. 1:16-17)

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