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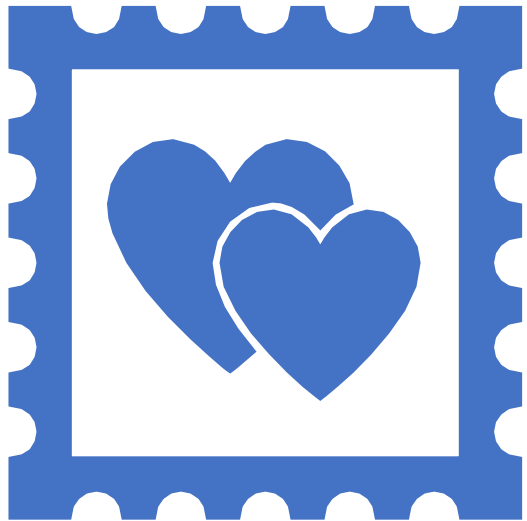
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Intercessory Prayer



- Praying for others

R Foster, 'Prayer'



- 'If we truly love people, we will desire for them far more than it is within our power to give them, and this will lead us to prayer. Intercession is a way of loving others.'

To pray effectively for others we need to:



- Be informed
- Have empathy
- Be resilient
- Be determined
- Be faithful
- Listen



Pete Greig,
How To
Pray

- Prayer is an exciting and logical consequence of free will. It means our fate is not set. Things can change. We are free to ask, activate and advance God's blessing in any given situation by aligning our will with God's will.



R Foster,
'Prayer'

- When we begin praying for others, we soon discover that it is easy to become discouraged with the results which seem frustratingly slow and uneven...



R Foster,
'Prayer'

- 'This is because we are entering the strange mix of divine influence and human autonomy. God never compels, and so the divine influence always allows a way of escape. No one is ever forced into a robot style of obedience.'

Helpful aids to prayer

- Prayers written by others
- Prayer broadcasts
https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer_broadcasts.aspx
- Pete Greig 24: 7 Prayer
<https://www.24-7prayer.com/coronavirusprayer>
- Church of England website:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer>
- Speaking in tongues
- Making prayer visual.



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Archbishop of Canterbury, April 2020

"After so much suffering, so much heroism from key workers and the NHS, we cannot be content to go back to what was before, as if all is normal....There needs to be a resurrection of our common life."

A question: What might that look like for you?