

## THE DAVIDIC DEVOTIONAL

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### INTERCESSION

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READ: Acts 12:5

**Finally, brethren, PRAY FOR US, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:**

**-2 Thessalonians 3:1 | KJV**

Intercession is a **prayer to God on behalf of another person or the act of intervening (as to mediate a dispute)**. In one of the fierce persecutions of the church, King Herod rose himself up against the leaders. He had James, the brother of John, executed with a sword. When he saw that, that deed pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter too. The church did not sit down for Peter to be killed too. They didn't relax in their homes or probably went about their busy schedules.

They made time to meet and intercede for Apostle Peter, the leader of the church. They prayed in one accord, with all seriousness, with all their heart, strength and everything they had. They laid down their own issues of life. They knew that, intercessory prayer was enough to cause a turnaround. When you hear a minister has fallen, what do you do about it? Do you gossip around or do you intercede for them? Church members often slander their pastors when things go wrong.

Indeed, there is power in intercession. After the church met and interceded for Peter, God responded that very night. He sent an angel to rescue Peter out of prison. I once told you that, fasting and prayer makes the heaven kiss the earth, but intercession moves God to respond quickly in the affairs of men. What prayer cannot do, God cannot do. As God is doing for others because you are interceding for them, He is also preparing something in stock for you that will blow your mind.

Peter enjoyed intercession from Jesus too. Jesus Christ, our role model interceded for Apostle Peter when Satan wanted to cause him to fall from the faith. <sup>31</sup>"**Simon, Simon, pay attention! Satan has demanded to have you all, to sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup>but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. When you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.**" -Luke 22:31-32 | NET. Still, Jesus Christ is interceding for us in heaven. Let us therefore make it a point to intercede for others here on earth, especially praying for others to be saved.

**Stay Blessed**