

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Recently my wife and I spent two weeks ministering in South Africa. While we were away, our two sons were ministering in Southern California. Our youngest daughter, Holly, was traveling. Our oldest daughter, Heather, had some challenges and additional responsibilities before her. They had ongoing needs. In fact, they had needs we wished we were there to help meet. But (it goes without saying): we were thousands of miles away. We couldn't meet those needs in person. So we prayed. We brought their needs before our heavenly Father, trusting Him to come through on their behalf.

When we pray for others it's called intercession. Really, all intercessory prayer is, is our heart's cry for God's help on behalf of others.

The Apostle Paul was a wonderful model of intercessory prayer. Look at what he says in Romans chapter 1, verses 9 and 10. He lets them know, from the very start, what his heart's desire is on their behalf. "For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you." Paul wants to come to them, but notice what he says. That he makes mention of them unceasingly—constantly—in his prayers. They are always on the forefront of his mind. Paul knew he was powerless in meeting their needs. But God is the One who can meet ALL their needs.

Here's what I want you to remember today. It's good to write notes, to send gifts, to call, and to let people know we care about them. Ah, but it's better to pray for them. Prayer works. It is God's tool—His instrument to target His power, to target His resources at a point of need.