

Wednesday 27th September- Intercession (Day of Fasting)

Psalms 96:7-9 O nations of the world, recognise the Lord; recognise that the Lord is glorious and strong! Give to the Lord the glory He deserves! Bring your offering, and come into His courts. Worship the Lord in all his splendour Let all the earth tremble before Him.

In Psalms 96:7, we see the psalmist interceding on behalf of the nations, calling on all the nations of the world to recognise the Lord. When we think of prayers of intercession, we largely mean taking it upon ourselves to pray for the needs and matters of others. Some of us may have friends going through difficult situations, others might be disheartened by the state of affairs in our city or country, or beyond- look no further than the tragedy in Morocco recently. In the face of challenge or calamity, as Christians we need not be passive, we have been equipped with a mighty tool that makes a difference in our world- prayer.

See the following prayer as one which builds up your faith to intercede

Mighty Father,
We fast today to centre our focus on you
And to ready ourselves to intercede on behalf of the city of Oxford.
We remember how the intercessions of Moses in Exodus 32
Led to the extension of your mercy over the Israelites
And we remember how the church praying in Acts 12,
Resulted in Peter being released from prison.
From this Lord we are confident that you respond to the prayers of your children.
We have faith that as we intercede today,
We will see things shift for your glory.
Give us the strength to press on in the place of prayer and not grow weary.
Amen

ACTION: Ask a neighbour/non-Christian friend for something you can pray for. Spend some time interceding on their behalf. Secondly, as the verse encourages, why not prepare an offering that glorifies the name of the Lord to offer to Him this Sunday.