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LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

Scripture: Ezekiel 22 v 30 (NKJV)

So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

Luke 18 v 1 - 8 Never-the-less, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth? (Not likely????)

Lord teach us to pray - Luke 11 v 2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Luke 11 v 2 - 4 **Prayer and Intercession**, (taken from Kingdom Principles S.F.L.B. THE MINISTRY OF THE KINGDOM). Jesus' words "Your kingdom come" are more than a suggestion to pray for a distant millennial day, for everything in this prayer is current. This prayer is not a formula for repetition so much as it is an outline for expansion. Worship is to be longer than a sentence. Petitions are not confined to bread. Forgiveness is to be requested in specifics, not generalities, and prayer for the entry of God's kingdom into present earth born situations is not accomplished in a momentary utterance. The verb mood and tense of "Your kingdom come" essentially says, "Father, let Your kingdom come here and now!"

Such prayerful intervention is called intercession. Motivation toward such prayer occurs when we recognize the importance Jesus placed on prayer in helping us serve in our roles as "kingdom administrators." Without the intervention of God's kingdom rule through prayer, Earth's circumstances will succumb to inevitable consequences. Earthly scenes of need must be penetrated by God's "will here as in heaven." Either the weakness of man's rule (the flesh) or the viciousness of hell's works (the Devil) will prevail. God's power alone can change things and bring heaven's rule (kingdom) instead, and the honour and the glory for prayer's answers are His. However, the praying is ours to do: unless we ask for the intervention of His Kingdom and obey His prayer-lessons, nothing will change. All Kingdom ministry begins with, is sustained by, and will triumph through prayer.