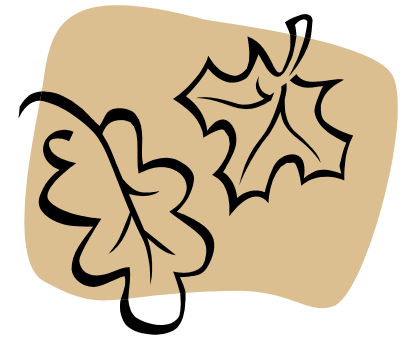
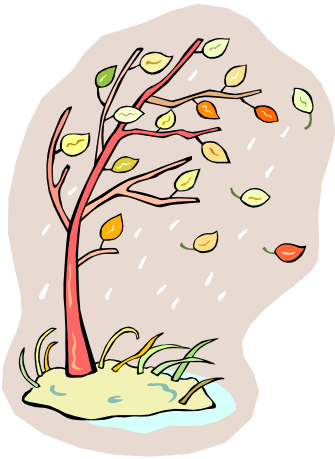


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INTERCESSORY PRAYER IN HEALTH
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† WHAT IS INTERCESSORY PRAYER?

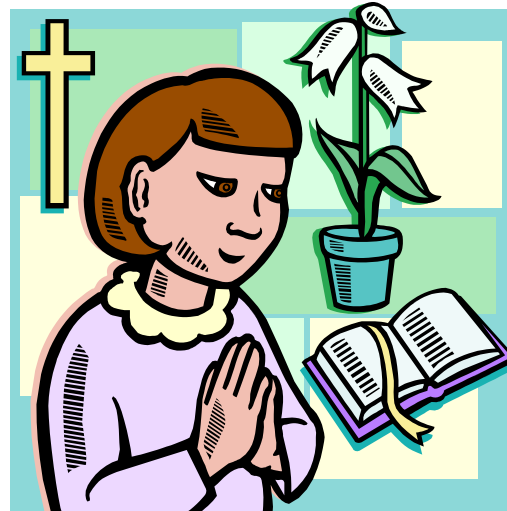


- Intercessory prayer occurs when one or more persons acts as a go-between for the needs of one or more persons to God.
- It is an effort to mediate on behalf of, or plead the case of, someone else.
- It is also called “distant” prayer as the individual being prayed for is often remote from the person who is praying.



WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN INTERCESSORY PRAYER?

- Any concerned Christian believer may pray for another person or persons at any time.
- Intercessors (those praying) need to genuinely believe that this type of prayer is effective.



HOW IS INTERCESSORY PRAYER DONE?



- Intercessors (those praying) have unconditional love and empathy for the person with a problem for whom they are praying.
- Multiple intercessors can approach God.



WHEN IS INTERCESSORY PRAYER DONE?

- Intercessory prayer is done when one or more persons are concerned for the need, large or small, of another person.
- It is often done when there is a great need for divine intervention.



PRAYING FOR HEALING IN HEALTH RELATED PROBLEMS

- Truly commit to the acceptance of God's will.
- God's time is different than ours. Be patient. There are lessons we may need to learn.
- Accept the outcome even if it isn't what we have prayed for.
- God may not *cure* our physical or emotional illnesses but he always *heals* our bodies and souls.

