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Christ Our High Priest: Someone Is Praying for You

You may feel alone tonight. In heaven, your name is being spoken.

"Nobody even knows I'm drowning."

Daphnée typed those words into her phone at two in the morning, then deleted them. She was twenty-three, a nursing student in Miami. By day she sat in class. By night she counted pills behind a pharmacy counter. She had just failed her first big exam.

Her mother worked double shifts. Her friends were busy. Her phone was full of people, but nobody to call. "If I quit," she thought, "nobody would even notice."

That summer, with the little money she had saved, she flew to Jacmel to visit her grandmother — Grann Tifi, eighty-one years old, small and slow, with hands as rough as tree bark.

On the third morning, at 4:30, Daphnée woke up in the dark. Through the thin wall, she heard a soft voice. Someone was talking. And then she heard a word that made her sit straight up in bed.

Her own name.

What was going on in that little room? Hold on to that question. First, let's open the Book — because the Bible says something about you that is even more amazing.

He did not stop working

Forty days after He rose from the dead, Jesus went back to heaven while His friends watched (Acts 1:9). Some people think that is where His work for us ended. The cross was finished. Now He rests.

But the book of Hebrews tells a different story:

> *"We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man."*
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> **Hebrews 8:1-2 (KJV)**

Read it again: *"A **minister**."* That means a servant who is working. Right now, Jesus is not only sitting on a throne. He is serving — for you.

What a priest did

To understand this, we need to go back to the desert. When God led Israel out of Egypt, He told Moses to build a sanctuary, a holy tent, so He could live among His people (Exodus 25:8). Every day, a priest stood between the people and God. He brought the sacrifices. He prayed for the people.

And look at what the high priest wore:

> *"And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually."*
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> **Exodus 28:29 (KJV)**

Twelve stones on his chest. On each stone, the name of a tribe. When the high priest walked into God's presence, he carried the names of the people **over his heart**.

All of it was a picture. The lambs pointed to Jesus, *"the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"* (John 1:29). And the high priest pointed to Jesus too.

The real thing

The tent in the desert was only a copy. Jesus went into the real one:

> *"For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."*

> **Hebrews 9:24 (KJV)**

Two little words at the end change everything: ***"for us."*** Jesus stands before the Father for you. He does not need to offer another sacrifice. He gave Himself *"one sacrifice for sins for ever"* (Hebrews 10:12). On the cross He said, *"It is finished"* (John 19:30). Now He applies what He did there to every person who comes to Him.

> The cross paid for everything. The High Priest makes sure it reaches **you**. **Not one drop of His sacrifice is wasted.**

He knows how it feels

Maybe you are thinking, "Jesus is perfect. How could He understand someone like me?" Listen:

> *"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."*
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> **Hebrews 4:14-16 (KJV)**

Jesus knew hunger. He knew tired feet. He knew what it is like when your friends fall asleep while you are hurting (Matthew 26:40). He was tempted *"in all points"* — yet He never sinned.

So when you pray, you are not talking to someone far away who shrugs. You are talking to Someone who *feels* it with you. And that is why you can come **"boldly"** — not because you are good enough, but because He is.

He ever lives to pray for you

Now here is the verse that could change your night:

> *"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."*

> **Hebrews 7:25 (KJV)**

"To make intercession" means to pray for someone, to speak up for them. And Jesus *"ever liveth"* to do it. Not once a year. Not only when you are good. **Ever.**

Jesus has done this before. The night before the cross, He told Peter, *"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not"* (Luke 22:31-32). Peter fell that same night. But he did not stay down — because Someone had prayed for him.

And in His last long prayer, Jesus said, *"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word"* (John 17:20). That is you. Two thousand years ago, Jesus was already praying for you.

When you fall

What happens when you fail — not an exam, but God? When you do the very thing you promised you would never do again?

> *"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."*
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> **1 John 2:1 (KJV)**

An advocate is someone who stands beside you and speaks for you. John's goal is clear: *"that ye sin not."* Jesus does not give us permission to keep sinning. But when we fall and come back to Him, we do not stand alone. Paul says it with joy: *"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us"* (Romans 8:34).

The One who could condemn you is the One praying for you.

Only one go-between

Many of us grew up thinking we needed someone else to carry our prayers to God — a special person, a saint, a spirit, or the right words said the right number of times. But the Bible makes it simple:

> *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."*
> **1 Timothy 2:5 (KJV)**

One. You do not need to pay anyone. You do not need to fear anyone. You do not need perfect words — Jesus warned against *"vain repetitions"* (Matthew 6:7). You can go straight to the throne, today, through Jesus. And He *"is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever"* (Hebrews 13:8).

What Daphnée heard through the wall

So what was happening in that little room in Jacmel?

Daphnée tiptoed to the door and looked in. Grann Tifi was on her knees on the cement floor, her old Bible open on the bed. Tucked inside it was a worn school photo — Daphnée at age nine. And Grann was praying, softly, name by name: her children, her grandchildren, the neighbor's sick son. "And Daphnée, Lord. Daphnée who is far away. Give her strength. Don't let her give up."

Daphnée cried quietly in the doorway. Later, over coffee, she asked, "Grann, how long have you been praying for me like that?"

The old woman laughed. "Every morning since you were born, pitit." Then she grew serious and took Daphnée's hand. "But listen to me. I am old. One day my knees will stop. But there is Someone praying for you who never gets tired and never dies. Jesus carries your name on His heart — like the high priest. I am only the small voice. He is the big one."

Daphnée went back to Miami. She retook the exam. But more than that, she started to pray again — boldly — because now she knew she was not alone.

You may feel alone tonight. But in heaven, Jesus knows your name — and He is speaking it to the Father, right now.

Before you close this — one question

Do you feel like nobody knows what you are carrying? Have you fallen so many times that you are afraid to pray?

Jesus, your High Priest, is already praying for you. We would be honored to pray with you too, open the Bible with you, and walk with you as you come boldly to the throne of grace — just as you are.

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5 truths to remember

1. Jesus did not stop working for us when He went back to heaven; He ministers as our High Priest in the true sanctuary (Hebrews 8:1-2; 9:24).
2. His sacrifice on the cross was complete, once for all; as High Priest He brings its benefits to everyone who comes to Him (Hebrews 10:12; John 19:30; Hebrews 7:25).
3. Jesus was tempted in every way like us, yet without sin — so He understands, and we may come boldly for mercy and grace (Hebrews 4:14-16).
4. He ever lives to intercede for us, and when we sin and come back, He is our Advocate with the Father (Hebrews 7:25; Luke 22:32; 1 John 2:1; Romans 8:34).
5. There is one Mediator between God and people, Jesus Christ — we need no other go-between (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 13:8).

Memory verse

> *"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."*
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> **Hebrews 7:25 (KJV)**

Think & pray about it

- What weight am I carrying that I have not told anyone? Can I bring it "boldly" to Jesus today?
- Is there a sin or failure that makes me afraid to pray? What does 1 John 2:1 say to me about it?
- Who could I carry "on my heart" in prayer this week, the way the high priest carried the names of Israel?

FOR TEACHERS & SMALL GROUPS

Presenter Bullet Sheet

- **Open with the story** (an illustrative story: Daphnée, a struggling nursing student in Miami, hears her own name through the wall at 4:30 a.m. in Jacmel) — ask: "Have you ever felt that nobody knows what you are going through?"
- **Point 1 — He did not stop working:** Acts 1:9; Hebrews 8:1-2. Jesus is "a minister of the sanctuary" — serving for us now.
- **Point 2 — What a priest did:** Exodus 25:8; 28:29; John 1:29. The high priest carried the names of the people over his heart; the whole sanctuary pointed to Jesus.
- **Point 3 — The real thing:** Hebrews 9:24; 10:12; John 19:30. One finished sacrifice; He appears before God "for us."
- **Point 4 — He knows how it feels:** Hebrews 4:14-16; Matthew 26:40. Tempted in all points, without sin — so come boldly.
- **Point 5 — He ever lives to pray for you:** Hebrews 7:25; Luke 22:31-32; John 17:20.
- **Point 6 — When you fall:** 1 John 2:1; Romans 8:34. An Advocate, not permission to sin.
- **Point 7 — Only one go-between:** 1 Timothy 2:5; Matthew 6:7; Hebrews 13:8. Speak gently — many listeners grew up with other intermediaries. Close the story: Grann Tifi's prayer and "He is the big voice."
- **Appeal:** invite each person to bring one hidden burden or one fallen place to Jesus right now, boldly, and to thank Him that He is praying for them by name.
- **Close:** memory verse (Hebrews 7:25) + "In heaven, Jesus knows your name — and He is speaking it to the Father" + tease the next study ("The Father Who Runs to You").

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10 Myths vs. Facts

Myth	Fact (with Bible)
1. When Jesus went back to heaven, His work for us was over.	He is "a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle" (Hebrews 8:2), and "he ever liveth to make intercession" (Hebrews 7:25).
2. Jesus cannot understand what I am going through.	He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" and is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities" (Hebrews 4:15).
3. I must clean myself up before I can come to God.	"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy" (Hebrews 4:16); He saves "to the uttermost" those who come (Hebrews 7:25).
4. Jesus has to persuade an angry Father to love me.	"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16); "the Father himself loveth you" (John 16:27).
5. I need another go-between — a special person, a saint or a spirit — to reach God.	"There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).
6. Christ's work as High Priest means the cross was not enough.	He "offered one sacrifice for sins for ever" (Hebrews 10:12) and "obtained eternal redemption for us" (Hebrews 9:12). His priestly ministry applies that finished sacrifice; it does not add to it.
7. If I sin after giving my life to Jesus, it is over for me.	"If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1); "he is the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2).
8. Since Jesus prays for me, it does not matter if I keep sinning.	"These things write I unto you, that ye sin not" (1 John 2:1); "let us hold fast our profession" (Hebrews 4:14).
9. The heavenly sanctuary is only a poetic idea with no meaning for my life.	Scripture calls it "the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man" (Hebrews 8:2), where Christ appears "in the presence of God for us" (Hebrews 9:24). Adventist Fundamental Belief #24 teaches this ministry on our behalf.

10. My prayers only count if I use beautiful words or repeat them many times.	"Use not vain repetitions" (Matthew 6:7); "the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26).

Where this comes from (Sources)

This study is built on the Bible and reflects the published beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Verify everything for yourself:

- The Bible — passages on Christ's priesthood and intercession: Exodus 25:8; 28:12, 29; Matthew 6:7; 26:40; Luke 22:31-32; John 1:29; 3:16; 16:27; 17:20; 19:30; Acts 1:9; Romans 8:26, 34; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:25; 8:1-2; 9:12, 24; 10:12; 13:8; 1 John 2:1-2 (King James Version, public domain).
- Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Belief #24, "Christ's Ministry in the Heavenly Sanctuary" — official beliefs: https://adventist.org/beliefs. This study stays with Christ's intercession as taught in Hebrews; the official statement also explains the pre-Advent judgment connected with Daniel 8:14 — please read it there in full, in the Church's own words.
- 28 Fundamental Beliefs (2020 edition, PDF): https://adventist.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ADV-28Beliefs2020.pdf
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- Ellen G. White, *The Great Controversy*, chapters 23 "What Is the Sanctuary?" and 24 "In the Holy of Holies," and *Steps to Christ*, chapter "The Privilege of Prayer," public domain: https://whiteestate.org/ / https://m.egwwritings.org/
- Related studies in this library: *"Who Is Jesus?"*, *"Saved by Grace"* and *"Prayer That Changes Everything"* — https://pasteurclementsalomon.org/resources.html · Questions? https://pasteurclementsalomon.org/faq.html · Faith Journey: https://pasteurclementsalomon.org/journey.html

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