

Mrs. Montgomery has given us a vision. In the first two chapters we study the Biblical Practice and Teachings. Then we are led out into marvelous illustrations of answered prayers of our missionaries and our new Christians in the Orient proving that "nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God."

Thousands of women who cannot join in the study of the book, might find life changed by reading it quietly. We urge this year a great effort on the part of all Boards and leaders to introduce the book, not only among older women but among young women who have suffered most in the lessening of the emphasis on prayer and who have known less of the earlier movements and history of Boards born of prayer.

Beautiful pictures of pioneers brighten the pages of the book. One reads in the lines of their faces the victories won by devout and prayerful lives. Let us make an effort to double the number in missionary study groups.—Missionary Review of the World.

EFFECTIVE PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

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Intercession is the most difficult part of prayer but it brings the greatest blessing to those who practice it. It is the mightiest instrument that God has intrusted to us for the accomplishment of His will in the world. It is the hardest, because intercession is prayer not for ourselves, but for others, and because the objects are not physical but spiritual. It is only as self is lost sight of that the secret of effective intercession is realized. In it we are comrades with Jesus Christ of whom we are told in the prophetic word, that He made intercession for the transgressors. In the 17th chapter of John we are permitted to overhear His intercession, and on the cross He interceded for those who slew Him and now "He ever liveth to make intercession for us."

The Holy Spirit helpeth our infirmities and maketh intercession for us, so that when we intercede for others we are in fellowship with God. Intercession therefore brings the greatest blessing to those who practice it. The

word in the Greek and in the Hebrew means meeting, coming into close contact, with God.

Intercession is the greatest and most powerful instrument that God has put into our hands. The whole trend of modern discovery and of modern thought has been to make more credible for us the power of prayer. Today we bind the whole earth together, and speak across the continents and across the oceans. The earth is like a single room in which humanity is enclosed and united. We easily, and in a moment, touch the mind of a man on the other side of the globe. Today we understand better that the individual soul is not only the force than can change and adapt, but is also the force that can create. We recognize that if we will reckon with the forces of the universe and with man and his history, we must see personality and the will as the constant agent in this world. The exercise of the will in communion with God and the assertion of truth in prayer must be one of the mighty forces in making the world and in influencing its history.

We can see the meaning of prayer and can understand that it is a God-ordained method of service by which all things are made possible for the Kingdom of God. But we are not confined to theoretical arguments. Fact upon fact, experience upon experience, prove the positive effects of intercession.

Let me give a personal experience. In a little manual of devotion, called "The Open Secret," ten years ago I used the fly leaves at the end of each day's prayer for the names of those for whom I wished to pray, or the objects that I wished to remember constantly before God. Now I never read the printed matter, but those written words are the most marvellous record and the most conclusive demonstration that God does answer prayer. Name after name, petition after petition, I have checked off as "answered." No one could shake the conviction that that daily prayer to God concerning the persons whom I desired to help or those matters that need God's interposition, has produced the answer. The cause and the effect are there. Begin, if you have not, to keep a prayer list and to intercede with those names and objects before you. In ten years no power on earth