

## Intercession

# Prayer Tool: How to Intercede for a Large-Scale Crisis (the Three Ps)

## What?

When faced with the reality of a crisis, this prayer tool will help you to pray in a simple, practical way.

## Why?

"God does His best work for the world through prayer. God's greatest glory and man's highest good are secured by prayer. Prayer forms the godliest men and makes the godliest world." E. M. Bounds

## Bible reference

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness..." - 1 Timothy 2:1-27

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## A Quick introduction to Interceding for a Large-Scale Crisis

It can be helpful to focus our emergency intercessions at times of large-scale crisis on three particular groups:

1. **People afflicted:** We ask God to comfort those who suddenly find their lives torn apart by grief, loss, fear and trauma.
2. **Pastors and Priests:** We ask God to give courage to church leaders seeking to bring Christ's presence and hope in the midst of trauma and profound questions of pain.
3. **Peacemakers, politicians and police:** We ask God to give clarity and wisdom to government agencies and NGOs, blessing and supporting their efforts to bring justice, reconciliation and aid.

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## **Do it: How to Intercede for a Large-Scale Crisis**

If you are leading a group - such as a church congregation or a prayer meeting - in intercession for a tragedy in the news, remembering the three Ps will help you to cover the bases.

You could also make this participatory by inviting people to get into groups of three, and allocate themselves as either A, B or C. Then invite the 'A's' to pray for the people affected, the 'B's' to pray for pastors, and the 'C's' to pray for peacemakers.

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## **Books on Interceding for a Large-Scale Crisis**

- The Ministry of Intercession – Andrew Murray
- Rees Howells Intercessor – Norman Grubb
- Shaping History Through Prayer and Fasting – Derek Prince