

THANK GOD FOR CHRIST'S INTERCESSION

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Our Lord Jesus, we thank You, that having bore the sin of many, You make intercession for transgressors, and pray, not only for those who were given to You when You were on earth, but also for all those who would believe in You through their word. Yes, Lord, we thank You for praying for us!

We exalt You that You, Jesus Christ the righteous, are our Advocate with the Father and are able to save to the uttermost all those who draw near to God through You. We bless You for legally defending those who put their faith in Your righteous and wrath-absorbing sacrifice! Yes, Lord, thank You for praying for us!

We rejoice that You are a High Priest chosen from among men and appointed to act on our behalf in relation to God. We bless you for demonstrating Yourself to be perfectly merciful and faithful in Your ministry, and we gladly know that You deal gently with the ignorant and wayward. Indeed, as our perfect Mediator, You always live to make intercession for Your people! So, yes, Lord, thank you for praying for us!

And, it is because of Your intercession on our behalf, even now before the throne of grace, that we pray in Your name, Amen!