

Today's verse says that Jesus always lives to make intercession for us. So what does this mean? Because Jesus is our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14), we get a picture of what happens when we pray when we understand what the high priest in the Old Testament did with the burnt offering of a bird. (Leviticus 1:14-17) The birds brought to the high priest are a picture of our prayers 'flying' to the Lord Jesus, because we pray to the Father in Jesus' name. Now, just as the high priest removes the bird's feathers after killing it, Jesus removes all that is superfluous and unclean from our prayers, such as unbelief and self-centeredness. Then, just as the high priest offers the bird as a burnt sacrifice, a sweet aroma to the Lord, Jesus our High Priest adds His perfection, beauty, excellence and fragrance, which the Father so delights in, to our prayers. That is how He presents our prayers to the Father, who always hears Him. That is how He lives to make intercession for you.

So, you don't need to run to a church leader to get him to pray 'more powerfully' for you. You can pray yourself. Then, take advantage of Jesus' intercession for you and say, "Lord Jesus, I don't know what else to say - please intercede for me." When Jesus gives His personal touch to your prayer, you can be sure that it will be answered!

Hebrews 7:25 "...He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."