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The Assurance of Present Intercession!

Scripture: Romans 8:26-27 -²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

In the Bible, "infirmities" refers to physical weaknesses, ailments, or diseases. It can also describe moral or spiritual weaknesses, imperfections, or failings. The term highlights both physical and spiritual frailties, serving as a reminder of humanity's fallen state and dependence on God's grace, strength, mercy and power.

Romans 8:26 means that in our spiritual weakness, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us with groans that are too deep for words, even when we don't know how to pray properly. The Spirit helps us by providing us with the words and strength to pray according to God's will.

Mankind has limitations and struggles, especially when it comes to spiritual matters like prayer. It also highlights the difficulty we may have in discerning what God's will is and how to express our prayers effectively. Therefore, the Holy Spirit's role in helping us pray. The Spirit intercedes on our behalf, even when we are unable to find the right words or understand the situation. This assures us that God understands the Holy Spirit's intercession, knowing that it is always in alignment with His will.

The Spirit bridges the gap between our inadequate prayers and God's perfect knowledge and understanding. He interprets our unspoken longings and needs, taking our "groanings too deep for words" and presenting them to God. It empowers us, even when we are weak or unsure of what to ask. It also ensures that our prayers are heard and answered because He knows God's heart and understands our needs. He helps us feel a closer connection to God, enabling us to draw near to Him in prayer. God knows the innermost thoughts of every person, and also knows the mind of the Holy Spirit.

According to the Bible, Jesus intercedes for us before the Father. His intercession is based on his death and resurrection, where he pleads our case before God. This is seen as an ongoing process where Jesus, as our High Priest, continually intercedes for us in heaven, ensuring our salvation.

You don't need to be afraid to come before Him, trust that He will always do what is best. The Lord is our divine helper, because we knowest not what is the way of the spirit, therefore, the Holy Spirit aids us. The LORD searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. He intercedes for sinners, weak believers, for our enemies, because He does not want anyone to perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Not only is the in-dwelling Spirit our pledge of resurrection and future glory, but through His prayers on our behalf we are assured that God will make everything that might happen to us work together for our good. We may forget to pray. The Spirit never does. God will see us through. Let us never forget to trust Him. He is the One who helps our infirmities. That's why His disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray (Matthew 6:9-15). As the omniscient eye of God searches even the inarticulate groanings of our hearts, the Spirit of God makes intercession for the saint of God.

God's Holy Spirit will enable us to continue far beyond where our own power can carry us. As we look around the church, we will see scores of people whose lives have been fiercely and mercilessly battered, but they still populate the pews because they have gotten back up again and again. You can make it. If you keep walking with Jesus, keep fighting the good fight of faith, you will win. You may suffer blows, but you can get up again. God's Spirit living in you is the ultimate source of victory. No matter how long it takes, and no matter how many bruises you may bear, look up from that mat and say with firm resolve, "*Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me*" (Micah 7:8).