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The Lord wants you to live in His light

**Heb. 7:25** *Therefore, He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.* (NIV)

In the days before Jesus came to pay for our salvation through His death on the cross, the system for God's people was through the priests, particularly the High Priest. It was his yearly pilgrimage into the Holy of Holies, where he would carry the blood of the spotless lamb and sprinkle it on the cover of the Ark of the Covenant known as the Mercy Seat. He would then pray for the sins of the people to be covered by the blood of the lamb. This is the atonement for sins. As we think about this time of Christmas, the time of God's greatest gift to us, we can now see the process of salvation. Jesus Christ is now our high priest and He is ever interceding for us. Think about that statement. He is always, ever praying for you. He's not just sitting around heaven waiting for His time to come back. He's not plotting His strategy for His thousand-year reign on the earth. He is *ever* praying for you and me. What an amazing thought. He is always praying and interceding for us. Why? **Rom. 5:6-8** *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* (NIV) It is because of His great love for us. And so now Jesus stands as our mediator; our High Priest. **Rom. 8:33-34** *Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God Who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus Who died - more than that, Who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.* (NIV) I have to admit that as I meditated on this, that He would even now be praying for me, I broke into sobs and knew that I certainly didn't deserve the price that He paid for me. But He did it anyway. **1 John 3:1** *See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!* (NIV)

**Dear LORD, I can't thank You enough for Your continual prayers for me. You love me more than I could ever understand. I could never repay Your love for me and I certainly don't deserve Your love and yet You give it to me every day, all day long. You will never stop loving me and praying for me. Oh, thank You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen**