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## BISHOP'S DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

# Standing in the Gap

**T**he prophet Ezekiel gives us the words of the Lord in Ezekiel 22:30,

“I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.”  
(NIV)

Although this verse deals with the sins of Jerusalem, I believe that we have permission to apply it directly to our lives. There is a very sad verse because Jerusalem was in a sad and horrible state and the Lord was saying through the prophet Ezekiel that He was searching for someone who would intercede for Jerusalem and do what was necessary for her salvation. When He looked, He found no one who would intercede for the nation and the city.

There are times when we are in sad shape

because of illness or life circumstances and we need the prayers of others to hold us up and encourage us. We may not even be able to pray in our own behalf because of our situation. That is when I believe God calls Christians to especially pray on behalf of others. This kind of praying requires commitment on the part of the person doing the praying. It is not just a quick one-time prayer, but rather a request that is brought before the Lord many times until the person being prayed for sees results.

I want you to know I am intervening on your behalf currently. I consider it an honour and a duty to be able to stand in the gap for those who are unable, for whatever reason, to pray for themselves. It is my hope that you will take very seriously the honour that you have of standing in the gap and praying for other people. Blessings!

