

Ephesians 6:18 - "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit..." Rochester, New York flamed with revival fires under the preaching of Charles Finney. He is considered by many as one of the greatest preachers in history, but it wasn't just preaching that brought revival to Rochester. A tremendous spirit of prayer pervaded the city. One minister became deeply convicted of his own sin, and could be seen weeping out loud as he walked down the street. He was converted to Christ and became a prayer warrior for Finney. God gave him faith that a revival would take place. He and others slipped away from the services and prayed while Charles Finney preached. Abel Clary was another one of Finney's prayer partners. He was a preacher and carried such a heavy burden for revival that he prayed for the salvation of souls as Finney preached. At Rochester he never attended a service but prayed constantly. For 10 years a deacon named Billious Pond prayed as evangelists and pastors preached during the revival. At age 55 he became ordained and preached the Gospel for 40 years. "Father" Nash, himself a preacher, would arrive a week before and prayed for revival in the cities where Finney preached. At times he and Clary prayed together. They accompanied Finney to England and prayed for revival there. Some people seem to be called by God for the ministry of intercession. I believe the gift of faith is manifested in this kind of prayer. If you are an intercessor, listen for the Lord. A "last days" revival will require intercessors who will sacrifice time and energy to make this their ministry. We are at war with the Devil and his minions. Never have we need intercessors more than now. We are all told to "pray without ceasing." We all need to pray daily for revival, and some will be called to full-time intercession. HA