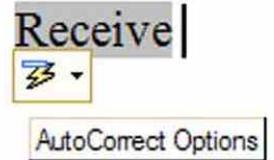


*"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for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



We often trust software applications to autocorrect as we type, although sometimes it misinterprets and is just a nuisance. We often pray without knowing the mind of God on a particular problem, but the Holy Spirit, who is God (*God is a Spirit*), intercedes on our behalf. *O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.* He correctly interprets our intentions to the *Throne of Grace*, because the Spirit *is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* However, we must remember He also knows when we *ask amiss that we may consume it upon our own lust.* God knows His own mind as well as ours and can therefore, properly plead or deny our request. Don't ask God for a million dollars if you don't NEED a million dollars! *If we ask any thing ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, He heareth us: if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.* By knowing when we are heard, we also know when we are not! We must ask ACCORDING TO HIS WILL to be heard. If you have any question as to what God's will is, read and study God's Word. We cannot express in human thought or language the intercession needed, but the Eternal Spirit that indwells us instantly understands and sympathizes. I say sympathize rather than empathize, because *He was in all points tempted like as we, yet without sin.* Christ endured humanity's weaknesses, so that He might forever perfect those encumbered thereby. He knows our frame that it is dust and what burdens our souls. He can autocorrect our prayers as we pray, so we may have the help we need. It is imperative we search the scriptures, daily, to tune our thoughts to the mind of God, so that when we pray, we are more closely aligned to God's perfect will and receive what we petition. We need not fret about our ineptness at prayer, because the Spirit intercedes on behalf of the sincere heart in ways beyond human comprehension, just as mother instinctively understands her baby's need from its plaintive cry. We need only follow the Path that our Guide lays out for us each day. When we stumble and fall into sin, we repent of it, confess the sin, and continue. Forgiveness is freely given to the humble confessor. Our stumbles enlighten us and provide much needed wisdom for our earthly pilgrimage. We learn what to avoid so that our walk with the Spirit remains unhindered. Never quit. Never stay down. *A just man falleth seven times and riseth yet again.* It's not about how many times you fall, but how many times you get up. It's just the next time that matters to God.

When we approach the Throne of Heaven,  
It often seems the skies are brazen,  
The Spirit knows the cause we plead,  
And in our stead doth intercede. ~CGP

There's an old chorus that says, *Why worry when you can pray?* It is so true that we often fret when we could just surrender our crisis to the Lord and trust Him to handle it perfectly. There is no pain He does not feel, there is no wound He cannot heal.

*"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in His way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with His hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Psalm 37:23-25 KJV*