



Mothers of Prayer Intl Newsletter

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It has been my goal and vision since I was first asked to start this newsletter that it be available in various languages. God is opening many doors and this newsletter is now available in English, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Greek, Arabic and Frasi with more coming soon. So under the direction of Sis Gwyn Oakes, UPCI Ladies Ministries President, to better represent our mission of prayer for our children around the world, going forward we will be known as **Mothers of Prayer Intl**. We are rejoicing and ask God to continue to bless this prayer ministry. -Debbie Akers, UPCI, Mothers of Prayer Intl, Coordinator and Editor

Who we are . . . Since 1999: Mothers of Prayer Intl. is made up of women worldwide, who meet on the first Monday of each month to unite in focused prayer for their children and the children of the local church and community.

Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

1. The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
2. That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
3. That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).

The Prayer I Almost Forgot



By Randa Chance

It is Monday morning and the Chance house is off to a chaotic start. The desperate dog is barking to be let out and the toast is burning. My offspring are about to be late for school if I don't carry them bodily to the car. While reprimanding a sobbing Gage for losing his glasses and shoes for the thousandth time and reminding Devon to bring her homework, I hear my 3-year-old Benjamin's voice and I freeze.

"Mamma, you forgot to pray."

I look down into brilliant blue eyes. His mouth is covered with hot chocolate and his hair is sticking up. And he waits for me to gather the troops and pray.

He looks just as concerned now as he did when we took Communion at church recently. That was a first for him. He was fascinated with the Communion wafers and grape juice. The deep holiness that permeated the room that day was jostled when I saw that Benjamin had the tiny cup sucked up to his mouth and was sealing it in place with lips pursed out like a duck.

The Lord's Supper is a sacred occasion, full of ceremony and reverence, but each day there are brief shreds of space in which I can pour the remembrance of Christ's body and blood into my children. We don't sip from thimble-sized cups or eat little hard squares of bread every morning, but we do have our own ritual. We huddle together and thank God for His sacrifice. We thank Him for providing for us and praise Him for taking care of our needs. We ask Him to guide our day, ask Him to protect us and help us to love others.

Sometimes our sacrament is a bit of a spectacle. As we pray, I peek through partially open eyelids and see a silent drama being played out. Their eyes are closed in respect, but Gage and Devon are locked in a battle with each other. Gage's foot slowly grinds into the top Devon's boot as Devon's elbow digs into Gage's rib cage, and their mouths stretch in wide grimaces of pain. And Benjamin, usually the instigator of all that is unholy in our house, is oblivious to the fight and quietly mouths his own prayer along with me. I step in and break them apart and we finish praying and peace reigns again. And that prayer is as significant as time spent on my knees in travail.

I pray for my children every day, but I must do more than that. I must be found faithful in teaching my children to pray and develop their own wonder and sense of awe in their relationship with their Creator. And so I plant the seed, every morning and evening, the first and last of the day, and together we discover the holiness of God in those small moments and He brings quiet to our souls.

Note: Randa is the wife of Shane Chance and mother of Devon, Gage and Benjamin. She is an author and conference speaker and has a passion for helping others to find healing from their past and discover their true worth and calling in Christ. Randa and her husband, Shane, pastor the Sanctuary of San Antonio.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



By Jamie Albritton

Suffering affects everyone: weak and strong, educated and uneducated, rich and poor, and-yes even righteous as well as unrighteous. At times, the righteous seem to suffer even more than the unrighteous. The Psalmist, a man after God's own heart, assured us in Psalms 34:19 that "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivered him out of them all."

The Bible is filled with sorrows and sufferings. From Genesis through Revelation there have been numerous wars, persecutions, famines, and sickness, with both sinners and saints on the receiving end of extreme difficulties. God testifies that Job is a perfect and upright man; nonetheless,

Job experienced a satanic attack that most of us can't comprehend. God finds no fault with Job's faith, but for some reason God has actually allowed Satan to move Him against His servant! (Job 2:3)

There are times when God allows us to go through the waters and through the fire. Yet many times we let the waters, rivers and fiery trials rob us of understanding that no matter what we endure, we are His and He is ours!

Isaiah 43: 1-3, "...Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze..."

He never promised that we would never go through afflictions....But He did promise that He would be with us!

There are times when God delivers us instantaneously, but there is also the great miracle of 'through'.

It is in those almost unbearable times, the trial of your faith, the lion's den, and in that seven times hotter fiery furnace - that you come to know Him and His Undeniable Faithfulness! I've come to understand that we grow to know Him and the power of His resurrection, through the fellowship of His sufferings. His Faithfulness really is on display during the hardest of times!! So why does God allow afflictions to come against us?

First of all, God allows people to suffer in order to bring them to a place of brokenness necessary for salvation. Psalm 119:67 says, "Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept thy word."

Secondly, God allows us to suffer so that we may learn to be obedient. Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." (Heb. 5:8).

Also, Paul's thorn in the flesh offers understanding that suffering allows the strength of Christ to flow through us more freely. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness... Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." (II Cor.12:9)

Finally, God allows suffering so that we may comfort others who suffer. "Blessed be God... Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble..." (II Cor. 1:3,4)

It is vital during times of affliction to ask God "What are you trying to accomplish in me?" Our heart's cry should be, "Change ME, Mold ME, Shape ME for the glory of YOUR Kingdom", knowing that no matter what affliction you go through, Jesus still loves you, He's faithful, and that He'll never leave you nor forsake you.

Note: Jamie Albritton and husband, Greg, pastor in Loveland, Colorado, and are the proud parents of Emrie, Edyn and Creed. Jamie loves teaching God's word and serving others. She currently serves as pastor's wife to the Pentecostals of Loveland and Ladies Ministry President to the state of Colorado.

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Praise Report

Yesterday I received a text from my son; there was a report of a man carrying a gun on campus, the school was in lockdown. Please pray!

I was alarmed and asked others to join me in prayer! The authorities acted decisively and quickly to apprehend the suspect. He had two guns on him, a rifle in the car with several full magazines. Thankfully, no one was harmed! Lockdown was lifted after several hours as officials deemed the campus safe. Upon further news reports, this young man's room at home held thousands of rounds of ammo and news clippings of the movie theater shooting last year in Colorado.

Today The Lord reminded me of my son and his cousin, who every week holds a Bible study on this campus. They have had only a few new visitors and often it is only the two of them so they take that time to pray. Sometimes it seems to my son that not much is happening, but now reflecting on this event, I cannot help but believe God has intervened in a great way! And their efforts, willingness and prayer have accomplished much!

(This praise report is about what took place at the University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut on December 3, 2013) -Nina Johnson

Prayer Meeting Idea

Prayer Conference, Tucson, Arizona



Praying of our Children!

Quote

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without

breathing.
-Martin Luther

From the Mail Box

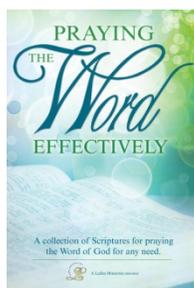
Thanks for your unselfish work in heading up this ministry. It has made such a difference in so many lives. Our church has been blessed over and over through the prayers of our faithful Monday night praying mothers. -Orvada Churchill, AK-Yukon Ladies Ministries President

From the Editor



Debbie Akers

God is doing mighty things!
Please send Praise Reports to: doz@aol.com or debiakers@aol.com
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