



# Mothers of Prayer Intl Newsletter

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## Mothers of Prayer Intl

**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).

## Back-to-School Prayer

By Debbie Akers



This month many of our children will return to classrooms to be educated and trained in social skills. This is a wonderful thing and very necessary. But more and more our schools are becoming danger zones.

This past year my granddaughter's junior high school was put on lockdown as an unknown man had breached the high-level security of her college-prep Academy. The news media is full of similar incidences all over the world, some with tragic outcomes.

Every time I hear of one of these circumstances, I am reminded of how my mother would have us kneel for a short prayer every day before we left for school. Prayer is essential and has POWER!

I invite all mothers around the world to join me each day and breathe a prayer of safety for our children as they go to school this coming year. I feel God has put this on my heart and I know He is able to protect and keep our children from harm!

*The LORD shall preserve you from all evil: he shall preserve your soul. -Psalms 121:7 (KJV)*

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." -Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)*

## Train Up a Child

By Adena Pedigo



On May 31, 2014, my youngest child graduated from high school. My husband, Tim, was honored to speak at his graduation ceremony. In one of his illustrations he stated, "A child from kindergarten through twelfth grade will spend 2,160 days, or 18,900 hours, of his life learning in school."

That thought struck a chord within me-18,900 hours of learning language, math, science, history, literature, art, music, and so on. It made me question, "How many one-on-one hours have I spent teaching him the things of God?" I've taken my children to church. We've had family devotions, prayer times, and talks about the things of God and how to be a good Christian since they were born. But, had I even begun to devote 18,900 hours into my children? Could I have done more?

"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

We live in a time when it is even more pressing to pray for, and teach, our children about the things of God. We cannot rely solely upon church leaders to teach our children about spiritual things. As parents, we must train our children. We must devote time to their spiritual growth.

The children of today want an answer to the question, "Why?"

- Why do we believe that there is only one God?
- Why is Acts 2:38 the cornerstone of our faith?
- Why is holiness essential?

We are admonished, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, waketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8). I don't want the devil to have my children and I am certain you don't either. It is our duty to teach them the dangers and pitfalls of living a life without God at its center. We must be diligent in teaching, mentoring, and praying for our children.

"Train up a child" (Proverbs 22:6) is a phrase that is thrown around so casually at times, but it carries a great deal of responsibility for all parents. Parenting is a serious journey.

We will watch our children receive diplomas, walked down the aisle of matrimony, and achieve many other goals in life. Yet the greatest parental triumph we can experience is being able to say, along with the apostle John, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (III John 4 KJV).

Note: Adena Pedigo is the Indiana Ladies Ministries President. She and her husband, Tim, are the assistant pastors of Calvary Tabernacle in Indianapolis, pastored by Reverend Paul D. Mooney. She is blessed with two children, Maci and Georgeon Pedigo.

## The Most Important Lesson



### By Darla Dillon

I have been called to perform many tasks in my life, yet none is as important as the raising of my children. When our first child was born, she came without a "manual" or a "how to" list. My husband and I had to take one day at a time, one challenge at a time, and learn as we went.

The Scriptures tells us in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Between birth and adulthood we have a short space of time to train our children to understand God and the things of God, to shape their lives that, if not immediately, at some point they will serve God.

Every day we must make the most of this short time we are given. We must take care of the most important things first, and allow others to follow as they can. We will never have time to fit in everything that we would like, so we must choose the things that will impact their lives most.

While there are many things we could mention that influence our children, I believe one is the most important. It is the lesson we teach with our lives.

It has been said, "Our actions speak louder than our words." This is so true. As our children grow and mature, we expose them to many influences of the Christian life - church attendance, the Word of God, Sunday school, a godly lifestyle, and much more. They will measure what they hear by what they see at home. We validate what they are taught by modeling it on a daily basis in front of their watchful eyes.

How we example these principals, teachings, and priorities provide the best lessons that we can offer. We demonstrate these through:

- Developing a close, personal relationship with God.
- Loving the Word of God.
- Demonstrating the importance of prayer.
- Making church attendance and the things of God a priority.
- Respecting the church, its leadership, and its people.
- Making right choices in the things we do (or not do).

We impact our children's lives in many ways. Of these, I believe the most important lesson is what we teach with our lives!

"Ye are our epistle (letter) written in our hearts, known and read of all men (and our children)" (II Corinthians 3:2).

Note: Darla Dillon is a wife, pastors wife, mother of three, nanny to Three +one on the way. She also presently serves as the Ladies Ministries President of the British Columbia District

**Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness. -H. J. Brown, Jr.**

## From the Editor



Debbie Akers

### God is doing mighty things!

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, Farsi, Czech, Chinese, Swahili, Hungarian and Tagalog. Special thanks to Sisters Dianna Tuttle and Jerolyn Kelley and the team of translators that make this happen each month! Also, Reverend Don Hanscom is working to translate into Urdu, Hindi, Thai, Tamil, Sinhalese and Laotian! So under the direction of Sister 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

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## Mothers of Prayer Intl Report From France

Hello, I want to thank you for the quality of this newsletter. I share it with the ladies in the 2 churches that we pastor, and they look forward to it each month. I am currently using English, French, and Russian. I am thrilled to see that it is now available in Tagalog Filipino, also!

God bless you - you are such a blessing to Christian ladies throughout the world! -Sis. Darla Brochu, pastor's wife, France

## Mothers of Prayer Intl Report From Venezuela

Sis. Akers,

Greetings in Jesus Name. Our ladies here in Venezuela are excited about the Mother's of Prayer and they have started to have special meetings on Saturdays with the mothers to pray for their children. So I try every month to send the Spanish version to the women who are in leadership here so they can give to the ministers wives who are in charge of each of their congregations.

Thank you. -Sis. Gail Burton, Missionary to Venezuela

## Praise Reports



I am so happy and thankful my granddaughter, Madison Akers, (pictured left) was baptized this past Sunday night! (July 6, 2014) -Debbie Akers

Our church is rejoicing and giving thanks for God's hand of protection over one of our young ladies this past Thursday, June 5th. Grace attends Seattle Pacific University in downtown Seattle, where a man came onto the campus, walked into a student center, and began shooting. Sadly, before he was subdued by a student, 3 were shot and 1 later died at the hospital. Grace told us, had the gunman come to the campus the day before or the day after, because of her class schedule, she would have been right there in the student center at the time of the shooting. She also told us how her close group of friends were all in different places on campus, or gone home, as she was, instead of being in the student center at that time. I immediately remembered hearing her mother in deep intercessory prayer during our MOPI prayer meeting just a few days before!

We also want to say Thank You, Ladies of the United Pentecostal Church, for binding together during that day/evening of prayer. As more information has been released concerning the gunman, we realize there were so many ways it could have been even more devastating for the youth of our city, on the many university and school campuses we have, than it was. There is no doubt Prayer made a difference for one of our daughters! - Leah Seagraves, pastor's wife, SeaTac, WA

## 31 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Children (13-15)

13. Purity -- "Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be shown n their actions." (Ps. 51:10)

14. Kindness -- "Lord, may my children always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else." (1Thess. 5:15)

15. Generosity -- "Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age." (1 Tim. 6:18-19)

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