



Mothers of Prayer Intl Newsletter

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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).

Heart of Thanksgiving

By Glenda Alphin



*"That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
and tell of all thy wondrous works" Psalm 26:7*

I can still remember the first time one of our children experienced the healing power of prayer. I hadn't been feeling well, and the pain radiating in my stomach seemed to be intensifying by the minute. Our six-year-old daughter, Candace, walked by the room where I was sitting, and in desperation, I called out and asked if she could pray for me. As she laid her little hand on my head, I can still recall the look of determination as she asked Jesus to please take away my pain. His touch was instantaneous! I was amazed, but Candace was not. She had prayed with expectation, believing that Jesus would do exactly what she asked of Him.

My heart overflows with thanksgiving as I look back over our daughters' process of growth and change. Never once did I consider that I would eventually be raising MK's (missionary kids); however, I should have known that God was up to something when He placed a missionary calling on Candace at the age of five. When I reflect on His ways, I cannot comprehend them. "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Psalm 8:4). As I sit and reflect, I am nearly overcome with emotion.

Over the last fifteen years, I can see how prayer has led my children down an accelerated path of ministry. I watched Miranda, as a thirteen-year-old, fervently pray over time for her best friend to receive a revelation of

salvation. Then, I saw her cry with joy as that friend spoke in tongues, also taking on the name of Jesus in baptism. I saw Candace teach her first Bible study at eight-years-old, and then pray consistently for her little friend to receive the Holy Ghost until she, too, had her prayers answered.

I've seen our girls lay their hands on people, believing with faith for healing, and then cry with thanksgiving as God answered every prayer. "And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me"(Matthew 18:5). Yes, I am so thankful.

Spiritual growth like this doesn't happen overnight. It comes from years of good examples by others. It is the result of consistent teaching from the Word (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). It is an understanding that faith really can move mountains (Mark 11:23). And ultimately, growth begins when our children realize that God Almighty desires a personal relationship with them (Proverbs 8:17).

I praise God for what He has done and for what He will do, for this one thing I know: great is His faithfulness! Therefore, I will "enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations"(Psalm 100:3-5).

Note: Glenda works alongside her husband, Mark, as a missionary to the country of Finland. She is both an intercessor and an author. Miranda calls her "Momma," and to Candace, she's "Mum."

That's What a Mother Does

By Linda Elms



In 2010 I had an experience I will not soon forget. Our son, Andrew was getting ready to leave on a trail ride. As he sat on the horse he would ride, I thought how good he looked in the saddle. Then, all of a sudden, the horse decided to get cantankerous, and the next thing I saw was Andrew on the ground with the horse stepping all around him.

My heart stopped, but I went into action! I yelled "Jesus," and before I knew it, I was running toward the horse. I know horses are powerful and can hurt you, but that didn't matter at that moment. All that mattered was that my son wasn't trampled by the horse.

When I saw Andrew was okay, I regained my composure. Then I heard our son, Jonathan, say, "Mom, the last thing you should do when something like this happens is run toward the horse." I knew he was only trying to protect me, but I also knew he didn't understand the heart of a mother. I quickly told him that I couldn't stop myself from toward the horse.

Later, Jonathan mentioned it again. I more forcefully said, "Jonathan, you don't understand. A mother will do whatever she has to do to protect her children." Once again, I said, "I couldn't stop myself. There was a driving force inside that made me run toward the horse to protect Andrew."

I've relived that moment many times. However, it's not the "Horse and Rider" story that I've focused on. It's the fact that Satan is working overtime to destroy the spiritual lives of our children. The spirit of deception wants to steal truth out of their hearts. However, there is one force Satan doesn't want to fight-the prayers of mom.

Mothers, we can protect our children from the clutches of satanic attack as we call on the name of Jesus. Keep praying! Fight for your children on your knees. You have the power to destroy every demon in hell and the onslaught that has come against your child. Call the name of Jesus over them. Plead His precious blood. Do

whatever you must do to keep them spiritually safe. Prayer is the key to victory in your home and family. The blood of Jesus covers you and keeps your children protected. There is power in the name of Jesus.

During this Thanksgiving season I am thankful for the name of Jesus. I'm thankful in times of trouble, all I have to do is call His name and He is there.

Note: Linda Elms is married to Rev. Wendell Elms. They have two sons, Jonathan and Andrew, who are both pastors. Linda is Grandmother to six beautiful granddaughters. Working for the Lord has been her lifelong heartbeat. Linda has been a guest speaker in various places across our fellowship. She is an accomplished musician and enjoys writing regularly on her blog.

Just Keep Praying

By Tiffini Countaway



As a child, there were times I became restless or thirsty after being tucked into bed for the night. On those occasions, I would make my way down the hall and walk into the living room to find my momma quietly kneeling at a chair. I don't remember the first time I saw her kneeling at a chair, but it seems that finding her in that manner was part of my entire childhood. After I would get her attention, she would get up, tend to my needs, and tuck me back in bed with a kiss. All was well again.

For many years I didn't understand what she was doing while kneeling, but I knew where to find her if it happen to be one of those restless nights. I vaguely remember when I was around eight years old finally asking her one night what she was doing, and she quietly replied, "I am praying."

I will admit for many years I was puzzled by my momma praying at night in our living room. After a long day of taking care of me, my dad, the house, and many other things, why didn't she just go to bed like the rest of us? What was so important that she had to stay up late and pray? Surely God understood she was tired.

It wasn't until many years later that I understood the power of a praying mother. As I reflect over my life, I see so many instances where things could have gone terribly wrong but they didn't because of the prayers of my momma. Because I was covered in prayer, I know I was spared from many dangerous situations.

From a daughter that was covered in prayer I want to encourage every mother to embrace I Thessalonians 5:17: "Pray without ceasing." Even when it seems your children don't care that you are praying - just keep praying. When you feel there is no hope - just keep praying. When there are days that you don't feel like God is listening - just keep praying.

As an adult I cherish the memory of my mother praying for me. I'm so thankful she did as Colossians 4:2 says, "Continue in prayer." When I think of my momma kneeling at that chair every night, tears of thankfulness fill my eyes.

Mothers, just keep praying!

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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! We are looking to add Polish, Romanian and Italian.

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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From Lebanon

Greetings from Byblos!

Thank you for all you are doing to make the Arabic MOPI a reality. Arabic is so important and we have used it to start a new monthly meeting and we are having interest from people who do not attend church on a regular basis or have never attended. We are also utilizing it monthly in the Bible School. The students then are sharing with others.

We are currently using the Arabic, English, French, German, Portuguese and Tagalog. We have extra copies on hand to hand out to visitors and get them involved (the idea of 'praying for the family' always gets a positive response in the Mid-East.)

The other thing that is so wonderful about MOPI -- it is a great tool to interest visitors. Last month I have launched monthly prayer groups in different geographic areas using homes of mothers so they can invite their friends also who do not attend service.

Thank you again for your assistance in making this happen.

Sincere Christian Love from Lebanon,
Mariann Starin

31 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Children (22-24)

22. Contentment -- "Father, teach my children the secret of being content in any and every situation, through Him who gives them strength." (Phil. 4:12-13)

23. Faith -- "I pray that faith will find root and grow in my children's hearts, that by faith they may gain what has been promised to them." (Luke 17:5-6; Heb. 11:1-40)

24. A Servant's Heart -- "God, please help my children develop servant's hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, as if they were serving the Lord, not men." (Eph.6:7)

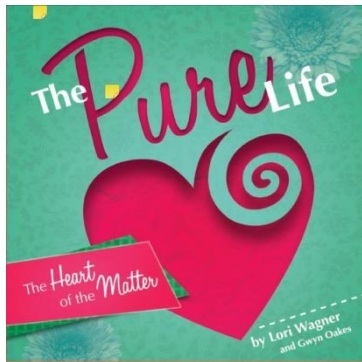
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