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Companion to the Moms in Prayer International *Booklet*

Leader's Guide

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Dear Leader,

God has handpicked you for such a time as this to lead the women of your group into the very throne room of God! As you pray, you are unleashing God's power to do His will. He has great plans for this next generation. He has raised up more than 100,000 women around the world to pray in Moms in Prayer International. Revival and spiritual awakening are taking place and will continue as we pray. You and your group are impacting your children and school as you gather together and pray.

My favorite part of being a leader was seeking God to guide me in filling out the prayer sheet for the women. I would ask Him what name, attribute or character He would have us focus on. It was the very name we all needed for that week. God tells us that those who know the Name of the Lord will be strong and carry out great exploits! Well, God is going to be strong in you and accomplish great and mighty acts through you as you pray.

This leader's guide is filled with many different items to encourage, equip and empower you forward. Whatever God calls us to do, He enables us to complete! "For I am confident of this very thing, that He (God) who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). Jesus dwells in us to carry out His plans on earth as it is in heaven. Just as He completed His work on the cross and declared, "It is finished," the Lord is just as committed today and capable of fulfilling His purpose for you. He will do it by His power and for His glory.

I thank God for you and I hope to meet you face to face someday to thank you personally. You are part of an amazing sisterhood that the Lord is working through powerfully.

In Christ.

Sally I Burke

President, Moms in Prayer International

What Is a Leader?

A Moms in Prayer International leader leads other women regularly—weekly is optimal—in an hour of prayer for their children and their school(s).

She ...

- has accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior.
- agrees with the Moms in Prayer Statement of Faith.
- agrees with and accepts the Moms in Prayer Core Values and Guiding Principles.
- has a heart for prayer and is available to be used by the Lord.
- graciously and lovingly leads her group.
- follows the <u>Four Steps of Prayer</u>.
- comes prepared and starts on time.
- abides by the Moms in Prayer <u>Policies</u>.
- attends area leaders gatherings.
- is the representative of Moms in Prayer to her group and to her school.
- is the connection between the area, regional or state coordinator and her group.
- finds another mom to take her place when she can no longer lead the group.
- agrees to lead her Moms in Prayer group by praying in <u>one accord</u>.
- agrees to <u>register</u> her group and verify it annually.
- has her group members register.
- agrees to reach out to inquiring moms when an email is received matching their group to an inquiry.

Goal

To pray for one child of each member, other students, teachers, administrators, staff, school concerns, and Moms in Prayer International during the prayer hour

Tools

- Bible
- Booklet
- Prayer Sheets
- Leader's Guide
- Our website MomsInPrayer.org
- Moms in Prayer <u>Training Channel</u> Podcast

Get Connected

For additional questions, concerns, suggestions or support reach out to your local USA or Global leadership.

To find out who she is visit:

MomsInPrayer.org/Who-We-Are/Leadership

Getting Started

The mission of Moms in Prayer International, is to impact children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray.

A Moms in Prayer group is a local community group that usually meets in a home; however, some may choose to meet at a public, central location such as a park, a church, a clubhouse, etc. Unless the group prays for a Christian or private school, it may NOT meet on the school campus. Groups can pray on campuses of Christian or private schools with permission. Gathering to pray weekly is optimal.

All groups are open to any woman who agrees with the Moms in Prayer Statement of Faith and Polices, and has a desire to pray for children and schools. Please read the Statement of Faith and the Policies each year when your group begins and each time a new member joins, so that everyone can be sure they are in agreement. Some groups will find they have a particular focus such as: a specific elementary school, middle or high school, a Christian school, Colleges, home schools, or preschools.

To Begin

- Read the Booklet and become familiar with the Four Steps of Prayer and one accord praying.
- Agree with the Moms in Prayer Statement of Faith.
- Become familiar with the **Core Values and Guiding Principles**.
- Agree to abide by the Mom in Prayer Policies.
- Ask God for at least one other woman with whom you can pray.
- Choose a place and time convenient for you to meet.
- Meets via phone/zoom or in person with your local leadership to receive guidance on the Four Steps of prayer format.

Invite

- Ask Christian friends/moms at your school, church or community to be a part of your Moms in Prayer group. Post on your social media.
- **Use** Moms in Prayer prayer cards, which can be ordered online at <u>MomsInPrayer.org</u>. Seek permission to place prayer cards in local church information areas. Share them with local MomCo groups, Christian women's clubs, Bible study groups and friends. Share at retreats, conferences and conventions.
- Place a notice in your church bulletin. Here is a sample:

 Attention, Moms! Do you worry about your children? Come experience how you can replace your anxiety and fear with peace and hope by praying with other women. Moms in Prayer gathers women together to pray specifically and scripturally for our children and their schools. Won't you join with us in prayer for this next generation? Please contact [your name], [your phone number] or [your email address], for information about our local group. For more information about Moms in Prayer, visit MomsInPrayer.org.
- **Host** a Moms in Prayer Getting the Word Out activity. See the following page for suggestions.

Register your group at MomsInPrayer.org

- Your very first priority once your Moms in Prayer group is formed is to register your group! This allows
 your local leadership to support you by praying for you as you lead and answering your questions. Your
 information is confidential. By registering your group you will receive occasional updates and events you
 will want to know about. Other moms from your child's school can also find you and join you. Keeping your
 information current is key!
- Encourage your group members to go online and register as a member, or, with their permission, you can register them on their behalf.

Getting the Word Out

Sharing with other women about Moms in Prayer, is one of the best ways to get the word out about your group and it can encourage others to start their own.

Here is a sample format:

Open in prayer and share how you became involved in Moms in Prayer International and how your prayer life has changed.

Give a brief history of Moms in Prayer found online under <u>Who We Are</u> or in the Moms in Prayer *Booklet*. You might consider showing a Moms in Prayer video from our <u>YouTube</u> channel. Explain that Moms in Prayer is an interdenominational ministry where two or more women meet together regularly to pray for their children, schools, teachers and administrators.

Give an update from Moms in Prayer—internationally, nationally and locally.

- The <u>Fact Sheet</u> on our website has valuable international information (found on Our Mission page under Who We Are).
- Share current information from our **newsletter**.
- Encourage members to visit the Moms in Prayer website and sign up to receive their own Moms in Prayer updates.

Briefly explain the Four Steps of Prayer and one accord praying, using the *Booklet* and modeling each step. Share answers to prayer for children or schools during Thanksgiving. You may ask a mom to give a brief Moms in Prayer-related answered prayer. Be sure to maintain confidentiality by obtaining permission from the child to share his or her story.

Questions and answers

Encourage

- Challenge moms to make a commitment to pray for their children in a Moms in Prayer group.
- You might want to announce the date of the next leaders gathering.

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Sally Burke

President, Moms in Prayer International

Conducting the Prayer Hour

Start and end on time.

Praise (estimate 8-10 minutes)

Instruction

Leader: Select an attribute, name or character of God as a topic of focus for your prayer hour. Use definitions. Give scripture(s) which will further describe and define. The leader may ask moms to read the verses.

Prayer

Focus on the one attribute by praying in one accord. For example, "Dear Heavenly Father, we praise You for being _____." Others join in agreement prayers. Remember, this is not Thanksgiving; stay focused on the character of God—who He is.

Silent Confession (estimate 2-3 minutes)

Transition prayer

Leader: "Father, You tell us in Your Word that You know everything and that nothing is hidden from You. If our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before You; and whatever we ask we receive from You (from 1 John 3:21-22). Therefore, Father, search our hearts and tell us if there is anything that is displeasing to You."

Thanksgiving (estimate 5-8 minutes)

Transition prayer

Leader: "Father, we thank You for the forgiveness of our sins, and now we want to thank You for how You have answered our prayers." Include the answers to previous prayer requests as others join in one accord. Thanksgiving only, no requests.

Intercession (estimate 30-40 minutes)

Instruction (estimate 3 minutes)

Leader: Give one scripture to pray for the children. Each mom uses the same scripture and each mom prays for one of her children. Also, give the scripture and/or topic to pray for the teachers, the school concerns and the Moms in Prayer concerns. For prayer suggestions, see pages 14 through 19 of this *Leader's Guide;* pages 16 through 19 of the *Booklet*, as well as online at MomsInPrayer.org. **Form groups of two or three.**

Intercession for our own children (estimate 15-20 minutes)

Pray Scripturally: Pray for one child at a time. Pray back and forth until you feel your heart is at rest concerning that child. Then pray for the other mom's child using the same scripture.

Pray a Specific Request: Pray for one child at a time. Pray back and forth until your heart is at rest concerning that child. Then pray for the other mom's child. You may want to record the request on the Prayer Sheet.

(Intercession continues next page)

Intercession for teachers (estimate 5 minutes)

Urgent prayer requests for specific teachers should be given to the leader, preferably before the Moms in Prayer meeting, or introduce them in prayer, e.g., teacher in hospital.

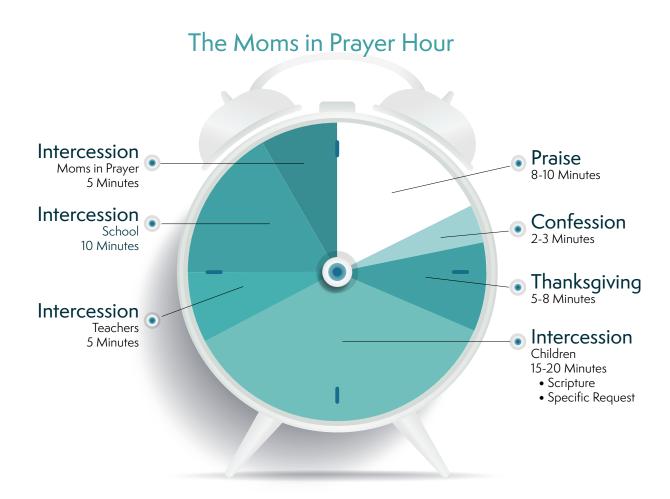
Pray scripturally and/or topically—Each mom may pray for her child's teacher and/or one teacher from the faculty list. Pray also for the urgent prayer requests.

Intercession for school concerns (estimate 10 minutes)

Give topics or concerns. Group members should share school concerns with the leader, preferably before the Moms in Prayer meeting, or introduce them in prayer.

Intercession for Moms in Prayer International (estimate 5 minutes)

Give topics or concerns. For suggestions look at the Prayer Sheet, *Booklet*, *Prayer Calendar* or page 19 of this *Leader's Guide*.



Selecting a Theme

The Prayer Sheet is a valuable tool to use during the prayer hour. Partially filled-in Prayer Sheets are available with pre-selected Attributes, Character or Names of God and corresponding verses. The partially filled in prayer sheets can be edited, if you wish. Or, feel free to create your own prayer sheet by using our fully editable Blank Prayer sheet where you can input the Attribute, Character or Name of God and corresponding verses. Prayer Sheets are available at MomsInPrayer.org/Group-Leaders.

Ideas on how to select a theme.

- Choose a Prayer Sheet based on how the Holy Spirit is leading you.
- Choose a theme out of the Lord's prompting from your quiet time.
- Go alphabetically through the Attributes, Character or Names of God.
- Choose a theme according to current events.

Here are some sample themes and verses to pray.

Attribute: Go	d is Wise
Praise:	To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen. Romans 16:27
Confession:	Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:7 (NASB)
Thanksgiving:	All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent. Isaiah 28:29
Intercession:	Lord, may you instruct in the way of wisdom and lead him/her along straight paths. From Proverbs 4:11
Character: Go	od is Love
Praise:	God is love. 1 John 4:8b
Confession:	This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10
Thanksgiving:	There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18a
Intercession:	Lord, our God, may love You with all his/her heart and with all his/her soul and with all his her mind and with all his/her strength. From Mark 12:30
Name: Jehova	h Jireh - The Lord Will Provide
Praise:	He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Romans 8:32
Confession:	[Jesus will] give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God. Luke 1:77-78a
Thanksgiving:	Yet He has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy. Acts 14:17
Intercession:	My God, I pray that You will meet all's needs according to the riches of Your glory in Chris Jesus. From Philippians 4:19

Attributes of God

God is Creator

The one who brought into existence the universe and all matter and life within it

Genesis 1:1	Psalm 104	Jeremiah 10:12	Colossians 1:16
Psalm 95:3-7	Psalm 148:1-6	John 1:3	Hebrews 1:2
Psalm 100:3	Isaiah 42:5	Acts 17:24-28	Revelation 10:6

God is Eternal

Without beginning or end; existing through all time; everlasting

Exodus 3:14-15/John 8:58	Nehemiah 9:5b	Psalm 93:2	Romans 1:20
Exodus 15:18	Psalm 45:6	Isaiah 26:4	1 Timothy 1:17
Deuteronomy 33:27	Psalm 90:1-2	Jeremiah 31:3	Revelation 1:8,18

God is Faithful

One who is reliable, constant, loyal, unwavering, steadfast, and dependable

Deuteronomy 7:9	Psalm 119:90	Lamentations 3:22-24	2 Timothy 2:13
Psalm 33:4	Psalm 145:13	1 Corinthians 10:13	1 John 1:9
Psalm 89:8	Psalm 146:5-6	2 Timothy 1:12	Revelation 19:11

God is Good

One who is virtuous, excellent and upright

Psalm 25:8	Psalm 119:68	Jeremiah 33:11	John 10:11
Psalm 34:8	Psalm 136:1	Nahum 1:7	1 Timothy 4:4
Psalm 86:5	Psalm 145:9	Mark 10:18	2 Peter 1:3

God is Holy

Spiritually perfect or pure, sinless, and deserving adoration

Exodus 15:11	Psalm 99	Isaiah 6:3	1 Peter 1:15-16
1 Samuel 2:2	Psalm 111:9	Luke 1:49	Revelation 4:8
Psalm 77:13	Isaiah 5:16	Acts 3:13-15	Revelation 15:4

God is Immutable

One who never changes or varies

Numbers 23:19-20	Psalm 100:5	Isaiah 40:6-8	Hebrews 6:17-18
1 Samuel 15:29	Psalm 102:25-27	Isaiah 51:6	Hebrews 13:8
Psalm 33:11	Psalm 119:89, 152	Malachi 3:6a	James 1:17

God is Just

One who is right or fair; correct, true and upright,

Deuteronomy 32:4	Psalm 89:14-16	Isaiah 30:18	Romans 3:23-26
2 Chronicles 19:7	Psalm 119:137-138	Zephaniah 3:5	2 Thessalonians 1:5-7
Psalm 9:7-8	Psalm 145:17	John 5:30	Revelation 15:3

God is Omnipotent

All powerful; having unlimited power or authority; almighty

2 Chronicles 32:7-8	Psalm 147:5	Habakkuk 3:4	Ephesians 3:20-21
Psalm 62:11	Isaiah 40:28-31	Matthew 19:26	Colossians 1:10-12
Psalm 89:8-13	Jeremiah 32:17	Ephesians 1:18-20	Hebrews 1:3

God is Omnipresent

Present in all places at all times

1 Kings 8:27	Psalm 139:5-10	Matthew 28:19-20	Colossians 1:17
Psalm 31:20	Isaiah 66:1	Acts 17:27-28	2 Timothy 4:16-18
Psalm 46:1-7	Jeremiah 23:24	Romans 8:35, 38-39	Hebrews 13:5

God is Omniscient

Having infinite knowledge; knowing all things

Psalm 44:21	Psalm 147:5	Matthew 6:8	Romans 11:33-34
Psalm 139:1-6	Isaiah 65:24	Matthew 10:30	Colossians 2:3
Psalm 142:3	Daniel 2:20-23	John 6:64	Hebrews 4:13

God is Sovereign

One who is above or superior to others; can do anything

1 Samuel 2:6-8		Job 42:2	Psalm 93	Isaiah 46:9-10
1 Chronicles 29:10-13	Psalm 33:10-11	Psalm 135:6-7	Jeremiah 32	2:17
2 Chronicles 20:6	Psalm 47:2-3, 7-8	Isaiah 40:10	Romans 8:2	28

God is Supreme

Highest in rank, power, authority; superior, highest in degree; utmost

Genesis 14:19	Job 11:7-9	Isaiah 44:6-8	Hebrews 1:4, 6
Deuteronomy 10:14-17	Psalm 95:3-7	Acts 17:24-28	Jude 24-25
Nehemiah 9:6	Psalm 135:5	Colossians 1:15-18	Revelation 4:8

God is Wise

One who has wisdom marked by a deep understanding, keen discernment; and sound judgement

1 Chronicles 28:9	Proverbs 2:6	Isaiah 55:8-9	Romans 16:27
Psalm 92:5	Proverbs 3:19-20	Daniel 2:20-22	Colossians 2:2-3
Psalm 147:5	Isaiah 28:29	Romans 11:33-34	James 3:17

Character of God

Comforter

One who consoles, reassures, helps and assists

Psalm 23:4 Psalm 94:17-19 Matthew 5:4 Psalm 71:17-22 Isaiah 66:13 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Compassionate

One who is caring, loving and empathetic

Nehemiah 9:16-21 Psalm 145:8-9 Isaiah 49:13-16 Psalm 103:8-14 Isaiah 30:18 Matthew 9:36

Counselor

One who gives advice, guidance, and direction

Deliverer

One who sets free or saves another from captivity, hardship or evil 2 Samuel 22:17-20 Psalm 34:4-7, 15-19 Isaiah 46:3-4 Psalm 22:4-5 Psalm 91:9-16 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

Fortress

One who is a fortified place, a stronghold, and a place of security
Psalm 18:1-3
Psalm 91:1-7
Proverbs 14:26
Psalm 59:16-17
Psalm 144:1-2
Proverbs 14:26

Friend

One who is attached to another by affection or regard; a supporter and confidant

Exodus 33:11a Isaiah 41:8-9 John 15:13-15 Proverbs 18:24 Mark 3:31-35 James 2:23

Hope

One who is our confidence, trust, expectation, or desire

Isaiah 40:28-31 Lamentations 3:21-25 Hebrews 6:17-20

Jeremiah 29:11-13 Romans 15:4,13 1 Peter 1:3

Life

One who is our physical, mental and spiritual experience; who constitutes our existence

Light

One who is our spiritual illumination, enlightenment, and truth Psalm 104:1-2 John 8:12 1 John 1:5-7

Psalm 119:105 2 Corinthians 4:6 Revelation 21:22-25

Love

One who is strong and has intense affection, benevolence, kindness, and tenderness

Psalm 136:1-9 Romans 8:35-39 1 John 3:1 Romans 5:5-8 Ephesians 3:16-19 1 John 4:7-10

Character of God

Merciful

One who is full of mercy, kindness, and compassion

Micah 7:18-20 Luke 6:35-36 Ephesians 2:3-Luke 1:46-55 Romans 9:14-16 Titus 3:5-7

Miracle Worker

One who performs unexplainable and supernatural acts

1 Chronicles 16:8-12 Psalm 111:2-5 John 20:30-31 Psalm 77:11-14 Luke 7:20-23 John 21:25

Our Father

One who is our parent and protector

Our Joy

Source or cause of keen pleasure or delight; something or someone greatly valued or appreciated; having a peace and contentment no matter the circumstances

1 Chronicles 16:27-33 Psalm 4:7-8 Psalm 43:3-4
Nehemiah 8:10-12 Psalm 30:11-12 Zephaniah 3:17

Perfect

Excellent, complete, flawless or faultless

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 Psalm 12:6 Isaiah 25:1 2 Samuel 22:31 Psalm 19:7 Matthew 5:48

Rock

Firm foundation, immovable, stable, dependable, refuge, and unbreakable 1 Samuel 2:2 Psalm 18:31-36, 46-50 Matthew 7:24-25 2 Samuel 22:47 Psalm 62:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:3-4

Savior

A person who saves, rescues, preserves from harm or danger, and keeps safe

Psalm 68:19 Matthew 1:21 Titus 3:3-6 Isaiah 43:11-12 Acts 5:30-31 1 John 4:14

Shield

One who is our means of defense or protection

2 Samuel 22:1-3 Psalm 5:11-12 Psalm 115:9-11
Psalm 3:1-3 Psalm 84:11 Proverbs 2:7-8

Truth

One who is real, actual, fact, full of integrity, and honest

Psalm 119:160 John 8:32 John 17:17 John 1:17 John 16:13 1 John 5:20

Victor

One who has overcome or defeated an adversary; conqueror

Deuteronomy 20:1-4 Psalm 44:1-8 Proverbs 21:30-31 Joshua 21:43-45 Psalm 118:13-17 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Names of God

Adonai

The Lord and Master

Deuteronomy 10:17 Isaiah 45:22 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Psalm 16:2 Romans 14:7-9 Revelation 5:9-10

Εl

The God of Power and Might

Exodus 15:1-3, 11 2 Chronicles 20:6 Psalm 89:5-8
Deuteronomy 3:24 Psalm 18:2-3 Isaiah 43:10-13

El Elyon

The God Most High

Genesis 14:17-20 Psalm 47 Psalm 97:9
Psalm 7:17 Psalm 92:1-5 Psalm 148

El Olam

The Everlasting God

 Genesis 21:33
 Psalm 102:11-12
 Hebrews 13:8

 Psalm 90:2
 Psalm 136
 Revelation 1:17-18

El Shaddai

The Almighty, All-Sufficient God

Genesis 17:1 2 Corinthians 12:9 Hebrews 1:2-3 1 Chronicles 29:11-13 Ephesians 1:19-21 Revelation 1:8

Elohim

The Triune God, Creator

Genesis 1:1 Psalm 146:5-6 Isaiah 54:5
Psalm 95:1-7a Isaiah 40:25-29 Colossians 1:15-19

Jehovah

The Self-Existent One, I Am

Exodus 3:13-15 Psalm 102:27 Jeremiah 16:19-21 1 Chronicles 16:23-29 Psalm 105:1-7 John 8:58

Jehovah Jireh

The Lord Will Provide

Genesis 22:8, 13-14 Romans 8:32 Philippians 4:19 Acts 14:17 2 Corinthians 9:8 1 Timothy 6:17

Jehovah M'kaddesh

The Lord Who Sanctifies

Exodus 31:12-13 Ephesians 4:11-16 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Leviticus 20:8 Philippians 1:6 1 Peter 2:9

Jehovah Nissi

The Lord Our Banner

Exodus 17:15-16a Psalm 60:4 Isaiah 11:10

Psalm 20:5-8 Song of Solomon 2:4 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

Jehovah Raah

The Lord Our Shepherd

Psalm 23 Ezekiel 34:14-15 John 10:11, 27-28 Isaiah 40:11 Matthew 18:12-13 Revelation 7:17

Jehovah Rapha

The Lord Heals

Exodus 15:22-26 Psalm 103:1-4 Isaiah 53:4-5
Deuteronomy 32:39 Psalm 147:3 Matthew 8:16-17

Jehovah Sabaoth

The Lord of Hosts

Deuteronomy 20:1-4 Nehemiah 9:5b-6 Zechariah 14:9 1 Samuel 17:42-47 Psalm 103:19-22 Revelation 11:15

Jehovah Shalom

The Lord Our Peace

 Judges 6:22-24a
 Isaiah 26:3-4
 Ephesians 2:14-18

 Isaiah 9:6
 John 14:27
 Colossians 1:19-20

Jehovah Shammah

The Lord Is There

Deuteronomy 31:6 Ezekiel 48:35 1 Corinthians 3:16 Isaiah 12:6 Matthew 28:20 Revelation 21:1-3

Jehovah Tsidkenu

The Lord Our Righteousness

Jeremiah 23:5-6 Romans 3:21-22 2 Corinthians 5:21 Ezekiel 36:25-26 Romans 5:17-19 1 John 1:7, 9

Praying Scripturally

Praying scripturally is a powerful weapon that the intercessor uses in praying for others. It is praying back to God His very words on behalf of the one for whom we are interceding.

God's words teach us how to pray. When we pray back His words, we are actually praying both the mind and perfect will of God for another. To pray according to God's will brings peace and tremendous hope, because God's Word will not return void.

Moms in Prayer Founder Fern Nichols Reminds Us

"Don't rush through the scripture request as you intercede for your children. I want to reinforce what we do in our Moms in Prayer group during the time we pray for our children. We take God's Word, and we pray God's truth. We focus on one child at a time. We listen to the Holy Spirit. How does He want us to pray for that child?"

"We're very good at coming to God and telling Him what we want, aren't we? Hopefully, we're praying in the power of the Holy Spirit, and we're praying what God wants, but many times we do have "great suggestions" for Him, don't we? Mothers just do. But God's Word is God's Word. It does not change. It's from His heart. It's His will. It contains His promises, and all His promises are found 'yes' in Jesus Christ."

"What I noticed in our Moms in Prayer groups was that when we prayed a scripture and a specific request, we would often race through the scripture request, because, boy, do we have a lot we want to tell God about the specific request. And I thought, wait a minute, something is backwards here. God's Word is what will not return void. God's Word is the power. God's Word is God's heart for my child. And we were just going by it quickly. So here is a powerful suggestion: pray the Word for that child, linger over the Word, ask the Holy Spirit, 'God, in this verse, what are you saying? What do You want to happen in my child's life?"

One way to pray scripturally is by putting the name of the person in the verse. Here are some examples:

examples:
Will accept instruction
Lord, may you instruct and teach him/her the way he/she should go; counsel with Your loving eye on him/her. From Psalm 32:8
Will be obedient
God, may You give the wholehearted desire to obey all your commands, laws and decrees. From 1 Chronicles 29:19a (NLT)
Will love the Word of God
Father, I pray that will obey Your commands and live! May he/she guard Your instructions as he/she guards his/her own eyes. May tie them on his/her fingers as a reminder and write them deep within his/her heart. From Proverbs 7:2-3 (NLT)
Will desire to be with those who love the Lord
Lord, may flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. From 2 Timothy 2:22

Will not lust after evil things
God, don't let drift toward evil or take part in acts of wickedness. Don't let share in the delicacies of those who do wrong. From Psalm 141:4 (NLT)
Will be morally pure
Father, I pray that will run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against one's own body. From 1 Corinthians 6:18 (NLT)
Will be light in darkness
Lord, may live a clean, innocent life as a child of God, shining like a bright light in a world full of crooked and perverse people. May hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, will be proud that he/she did not run the race in vain. From Philippians 2:15b-16 (NLT)
Will trust in times of trouble
God, I pray that will call on You when he/she is in trouble, and You will rescue him/her, and will give You glory. From Psalm 50:15 (NLT)
Will clearly see the difference between right and wrong
Lord, may understand what really matters, so that he/she may live a pure and blameless life until the day of Christ's return. From Philippians 1:10 (NLT)
Will be safe from bullies
Father, may You hide in the shelter of Your presence, safe from those who conspire against him/her. Shelter in Your presence, far from accusing tongues. From Psalm 31:20 (NLT)
Will know God better
God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may You give to a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You. From Ephesians 1:17 (NASB)
Will be proud to be a Christian
Lord, when discovers Your words, may he/she devour them. May they be his/her joy and his/her heart's delight, for bear(s) Your name, O LORD God of Heaven's Armies. From Jeremiah 15:16 (NLT)
Will trust completely in the Lord
Lord, may trust in You with all his/her heart and not depend on his/her own understanding. From Proverbs 3:5 (NLT)
Will put God first
God, may seek Your will in all he/she does, and You will show him/her which path to take. From Proverbs 3:6 (NLT)
Will accept criticism
Father, I pray that will listen to constructive criticism, so he/she will be at home among the wise. If rejects discipline, he/she only harms himself/herself; but if listens to correction, he/she will grow in understanding. From Proverbs 15:31-32 (NLT)
Will not conform to the world
Lord, may offer his/her body as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to You—this is his/her true and proper worship. May not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of his/her mind. Then he/she will be able to test and approve what Your will is—Your good, pleasing and perfect will. From Romans 12:1b-2

Prayer Suggestions for Schools

Pray for those in authority in the State and National educational school system

• State Governor • State Superintendent of Public Education • U.S. Secretary of Education

Pray for the administration and staff of your school and district

- That godly men and women will fill these positions; that they will make wise decisions regarding curriculum, rules, hiring, etc.; that they will have the best interests of your children at heart.
- That biblical standards will be considered in choosing curriculum—pray specifically against relativism, humanistic, and ungodly influences.

Pray for the teachers at your school

- That they will consider each child as a special individual—not just as "their class" or "their job."
- That they will have a zeal to make a difference for good in each child's life.
- That they will not grow weary in well doing, particularly near the end of the year; that their commitment to excellence and discipline will not wane.
- That God will prepare the teachers' hearts for good relationships with your children.
- That positions at your school will be filled by men and women with godly principles and values.
- That those teachers going through difficult personal problems will seek God.
- That Christian teachers will be salt and light, demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit in their lives.
- That substitute teachers will be able to control classrooms and be a welcome and positive influence.

Pray for your school

- That God will provide a hedge of protection around your children, including break time, lunch time, and travel time to and from school.
- That Christian organizations on campus will have a powerful impact; that they will be allowed on campus; that they will have wise, godly, caring leaders.
- That your school will have positive school spirit—teachers encouraging one another, healthy relationships between teachers and administration, encouragement and support from parents and students.
- That the campus will be drug, alcohol and violence free.
- That godly curriculum will be taught and righteous teaching plans be implemented.
- That all believers will be a light for Christ, and pray for the salvation of all others.

Pray for the students at your school

- That they will have a desire to learn; that they will be motivated to do their very best in their school work; that a good foundation will be laid for future education.
- That they will have good relationships with their teachers and respect authority.
- That Christian students will speak out for what is right with a gracious attitude.
- That children from difficult family situations will receive godly counsel, healthy friendships and compassion from their teachers.
- That they will come to know the love of Christ and anchor their identity in Him.
- That they will be safe as they travel to and from school.
- That those doing wrong will be caught, disciplined and change their behavior.

Elementary Students

- That students who struggle would get the academic support needed.
- That no student would be fearful.
- That no student would be bullied.
- That each student would feel loved and accepted as God created them.

Junior High/High School Students

- That they will not close the lines of communication with their parents.
- That God will prevent them from feelings of self-consciousness or being critical of their bodies.
- That the students who are prone to depression, anxiety and loneliness will be drawn to godly Christians for guidance; that Christian students will not be afraid to reach out to them.
- That each student will respect authority; that students will not rebel against correction; that they will not be caught up in the widespread spirit of rebellion that plagues our land.
- That God will protect and intervene in all avenues of premarital relations and gender confusion; that teens will not have premarital sex, look at pornography, or fall into confusion; that they will have the courage and strength of conviction to say, "no"; that moral values will be fostered in the home.
- That not one pregnant girl will abort her baby; that God will send someone to give her true information and positive support.
- That teen drivers will be cautious, not distracted, and will obey speed limits, stop signs and all other rules of the road.
- That students will not cheat or lie.
- That each student will hear of and accept God's forgiving grace; that roots of guilt will not grow in their lives, but they will learn of God's great love and provision for salvation.
- · That coaches will lead with integrity.

College/University

- That the president and governing board will set high academic standards and policies based in truth and take a personal interest in their students.
- That the student body will be challenged to a godly standard of morals and behavior.
- That dishonesty and moral compromise will not be tolerated at any level—administration, faculty, student body.
- That alcohol and drugs will not be tolerated on campus.
- That the college/university will not be influenced by political pressure when setting ethical standards for their campus.
- That graduating seniors will be assisted with resources for finding their first job.
- That there will be a spirit of cooperation between the administration and Christian student organizations.
- That Christian students will be salt and light, holding out the Word of Life.

10 Powerful Prayers for Schools

Salvation—May Christian teachers, statt, and students at school stand firm in their taith and let their light shine before others, that all will see their good works and glorify God this school year. (from Matthew 5:16)
Student Behavior —May students from school campus honor their parents and those in their homes, be diligent in their schoolwork, and respect their teachers/professors. (from Ephesians 6:2 & Matthew 7:12)
Decision Makers —May there be unity and high moral standards among teachers and administrators atschool. May they walk in integrity. (from Proverbs 20:7)
Protection & Health —May students and staff at (your community) schools turn to God who is a refuge in times of trouble. May all plans for evil be quickly thwarted and may schools move forward in good health and safety. (from Psalm 46:1)
Teachers' Wellbeing —May teachers be strengthened and refreshed at school. May teachers have patience and care for students and parents. May they have quality time with their own families. Pray that students will submit to their teacher's authority. (from Proverbs 11:25 & 1 Peter 2:13a)
Parents—May parents have discernment when to step in and assist their children, and how to communicate effectively & graciously with teachers at school. May parents do what is right and just, setting an example. (from Colossians 4:6 & Proverbs 21:3)
Students' Wellbeing —May there be healthy social and emotional wellbeing for those students atschool. May students reach out to encouraging friends and mentors for help. (from Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)
Treatment of Others —May Teachers, staff, and students have respect for one another at school and offer encouragement, building others up according to their needs. (from Ephesians 4:29b)
Students' Hearts —May students who attend school flee youthful lusts and instead pursue faith in God, righteousness, love and peace. (from 2 Timothy 2:22)
Purpose—May God's will be accomplished forschool as it is in heaven. (from Matthew 6:10)

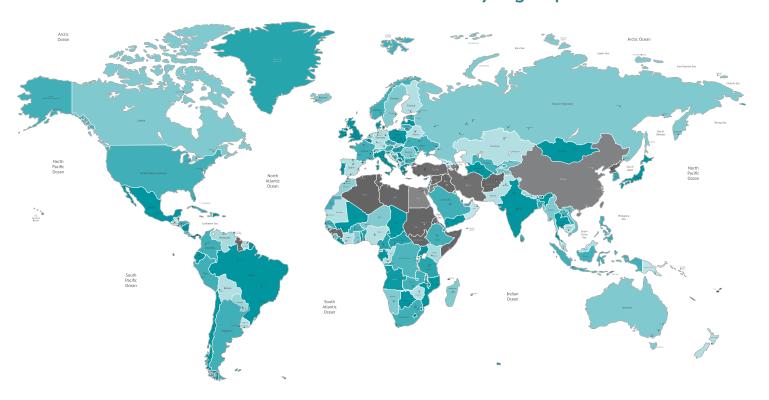
Prayer Suggestions for Moms in Prayer

As you close your prayer time, take a few minutes to pray for the ministry of Moms in Prayer International. For more specific requests for the ministry visit, MomsInPrayer.org/Resources/Prayer-Calendar

- For God's protection over the ministry, keeping it pure and unified.
- That the LORD will give the Moms in Prayer staff and board of directors wisdom and discernment in all decisions they must make on behalf of the ministry.
- For the financial needs of the ministry, that God will bring more donors to partner with the ministry in equipping groups and reaching nations.
- For more volunteer help for the Moms in Prayer International ministry—locally, nationally and internationally.
- For your area, regional, state and/or division coordinator.
- For protection and wisdom for the Moms in Prayer country coordinators.
- For other moms to join your group.
- For each school (by name) in your district to have a Moms in Prayer group.
- For a group for every school in your city or area, state and nation around the world.
- For God to sustain your group and your school will remain covered by a Moms in Prayer group until Jesus returns. Pray this often.

Moms in Prayer International groups are in more than 150 countries worldwide.

Countries in teal have Moms in Prayer groups.



Prayer Suggestions for Moms in Prayer International

The Importance of a Personal Quiet Time

The best way to be a good leader is to spend time with the living God. Just as your body needs water every single day to stay hydrated and healthy, your spirit needs living water from God's Word and from His Spirit every single day. This following page is designed to help you discover the joy of daily time with God. If this has not yet been your habit, this will assist you to make it a regular practice in your life. If you already spend time with God daily, we hope and pray this will strengthen this time and make it even richer. Your heart will be prepared to love your ladies and lead with strength and grace, because you took the time to learn from the Lord, just you and Him.

A personal quiet time is your vital connection to the Father. There are many examples in Scripture that encourage us to seek the Lord daily. Although it doesn't have to be first thing in the morning, most of us find that if we don't give God that "first place," it's harder to stop and meet with Him.

In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. Psalm 5:3

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Mark 1:35

During your personal quiet time you are learning to pray and preparing to lead others in prayer.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

• Start your time with a prayer, asking God to prepare your heart to listen to what He has for you today. Set aside all those issues that might distract you from your time with Him and quiet your heart.

Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10a

From your daily personal quiet time flows the preparation for leading a dynamic Moms in Prayer hour.

This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17

• Incorporate the Four Steps of Prayer into your personal prayer time. The following page gives you a suggestion of a way to do this. Feel free to make copies.

"Planning is the key to the success of a regular quiet time. Even if you can only get away for ten or fifteen minutes, God will use that time to refresh and inspire you."

Fern Nichols

Founder, Moms in Prayer International



Praise

I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glority your name torever. Psalm 86:12
Date Attribute
Definition
Scriptures
Thoughts/Prayer
Confession and Repentance When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Psalm 65:3
Thanksgiving Be glad in the LORD, you righteous ones, And give thanks to His holy name. Psalm 97:12 (NASB)
Intercession
This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15
Scripture
Scripture Request (place name in the scripture)
Specific Request
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Date/Answer

Quiet Time

Strong Leader-Strong Group

A Strong Leader (Find resources at MomsInPrayer.org.)

- 1. The leader is committed. She follows the Four Steps of Prayer and one accord praying throughout the hour. A well-trained leader is confident and excited about the privilege of discipling her women. Group members will then invite others to join in and multiplication will happen.
- 2. The leader is enthusiastic. She knows that God works through prayer and that there is great power released in corporate prayer. Matthew 18:19, "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."
- 3. The leader is prepared. She is ready with her prayer sheet and to pray with the women in her group.
- 4. The leader has a regular quiet time. She is intentional about setting aside time to spend with Jesus.
- 5. The leader leads out of a cleansed heart. She is not perfect, but forgiven.
- 6. The leader is establishing a sense of community. Women want to belong. They want a place where they feel safe, loved and accepted with no condemnation.
- 7. The leader leads in the strength of the Lord. She register her group and members, starts and ends on time, and stresses confidentiality.
- 8. The leader sustains her group. She knows that continuing the prayer covering for her school, when she moves to the next level, is vital. She asks other group members to lead from time to time or has a co-leader. She is proactive in praying for God's timing and choice for a new leader.
- 9. The leader keeps the worldwide vision of Moms in Prayer before her women. She is keenly aware that her group is part of something bigger—thousands of moms praying in groups around the world. She regularly visits the Moms in Prayer website, reads emails from headquarters and her area leadership, and encourages her members to register and do the same.
- 10. The leader attends area leadership gatherings. She knows she will be encouraged, equipped and empowered, and receive important updates and information.

A Strong Group

- 11. **Expect a Harvest**-children covered in prayer; revival, spiritual awakening on campus. Women experience answers to prayer and grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus.
- 12. **Pray for abundance**–increase the number of schools being prayed for, members in your group, and increased leadership. Zechariah 9:12b (NIRV), Even now I announce that I will give you back much more than you had before.
- 13. **Doesn't give up**—there is a harvest of souls to be reaped. Believe God is working. 2 Corinthians 5:7, For we live by faith, not by sight.

Annual Kick-off & Year-end Gathering

Annual Kick-Off

At the beginning of each school year and before the first regular Moms in Prayer meeting, we suggest you invite your group to a Moms in Prayer brunch, luncheon, dinner or dessert. <u>Flyers</u> are available online. Encourage your members to bring friends who might be interested in joining your group.

Contact the moms on your most recent roster who still have students in the school for which you pray. Contact group leaders from these feeder schools and request names and addresses of mothers who have children who will be new to your school in the fall. Invite them to your Kick-Off. Any mom who has never met with your group is to be a guest and should not be asked to bring anything. Consider contacting your area leadership for names of interested ladies in your area.

Suggested materials to have on hand

- **Sign-in sheet** with place for name, address, telephone number, email, child(ren)'s name(s), grade(s) and school(s). Current members should already be on this list, so have them check the details for accuracy.
- Name tags
- Folders (optional) Suggested content: Moms in Prayer <u>Booklet</u> (some leaders provide *Booklets*, others have group members order their own), Moms in Prayer <u>Prayer Card or Four Step Postcard</u>, <u>Statement of Faith</u>, <u>One Accord Prayer</u>, <u>Policies</u>, flyers for upcoming Moms in Prayer events, and a <u>Prayer Sheet</u>.

Suggested agenda

- **Give the vision of Moms in Prayer:** a group for every school in the world. Share what is happening in the ministry, using the <u>newsletter</u> and the website <u>MomsInPrayer.org</u> for information.
- Briefly explain the Four Steps of Prayer using the Prayer Sheet as a guide.
- Remind your group
 - Moms in Prayer is not a lobbying group (Policy #2)
 - Always begin and end on time.
 - Confidentiality—everything shared in the group stays in the group.
 - A donation box can be put out each week to help support the ministry of Moms in Prayer International.

Year-End Gathering

At the end of the school year, we encourage you to have a special time of giving thanks for all the answers to prayer during the school year. This time will encourage and strengthen the faith of your group as they reflect upon the great things God has done.

- Have a time of thanksgiving, giving God all the glory for the prayers He has answered throughout the school year.
- Have a time of fellowship and food.
- You may prepare a sheet that lists all the answers to prayers for the year. Remember to be sensitive to any confidential requests.
- You may consider collecting a thanksgiving offering for Moms in Prayer International.

Passing the Baton

We love hearing stories of moms who started praying in a Moms in Prayer group when their children were in elementary school. They passed the baton of leadership on to another mom, who then found another mom when she moved to middle school, and that pattern was repeated. Some groups have continued for more than 20 years without missing a beat. Those leaders were intentional about passing the baton, to ensure that their school would never miss out on God's hand of blessing through answered prayer.

- When God calls you to another school or group, pray that God will give another mom the desire to lead your current group.
- Be proactive in training a co-leader by having another mom in your group lead occasionally. Then, she will be ready to step in when you leave.
- If no one comes forward to lead the group, enlist the help of your area, regional or state coordinator.
- Pray weekly for your school to be covered by a Moms in Prayer group until Jesus returns.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25

"For we each have been given the privilege and the responsibility to pray for our loved ones, especially our children. Our prayer legacy is the richest inheritance we could give them."

Fern Nichols

Founder, Moms in Prayer International

Words and Deeds Guidelines & Ideas

While the purpose of Moms in Prayer International is to pray, if your group chooses to reach out to the school with written notes of appreciation, goodies or gifts, we call that "Words and Deeds". Encouraging and supporting the school staff in this way is an optional activity of Moms in Prayer. Remember, we are not to evangelize by sending gifts or messages with scripture, Christian slogans, etc. Unless you have a personal relationship with a teacher and know he/ she is a Christian, we encourage without sharing that teachers are prayed for. Everyone loves being appreciated, but not everyone appreciates being prayed for. "Words and Deeds" should never be a burden to the group, either financially or in time commitment, and the permission of the principal is required.

Guidelines

- Words and Deeds is optional, prayer is the priority of your Moms in Prayer group.
- Your group is to be well established before introducing Moms in Prayer to the school. The size of your school and your group will determine what kind of projects can be done and how often.
- Visit the principal and obtain permission before taking any Words or Deeds to the faculty. Be sure to make an appointment for your visit. You may wish to take your co-leader or another member of your group with you.
- Much prayer needs to precede any visit. Seek the Lord's wisdom on the timing of your visit and pray that the principal's heart will be receptive.
- As the leader of your group, you may wish to delegate responsibility for Words and Deeds to another mom in your group, especially if she is enthusiastic and gifted in this area.

Visit to the principal

- Introduce yourselves and let the principal know who your children are. Share something positive about the school.
- Acknowledge your appreciation of his/her leadership and the tremendous responsibility that he/she has, sharing your concern for the pressures students are facing today.
- Let him/her know you belong to a group of moms called Moms in Prayer, who meet weekly to support the school through prayer. Do not give him/her the Moms in Prayer *Booklet*; however, you may want to to prayerfully discern whether or not to share a Moms in Prayer Prayer Card.
- Indicate that your group of moms would like to bring treats at various times throughout the year to encourage and show appreciation to the faculty and staff.
- Most principals are delighted to have goodies, but if your principal says "no", respond in a warm and gracious manner: "That will be fine. If at any time in the future you feel the staff could use a little encouragement, please give us a call."

School guidelines

- Pray about each project! Obtain permission from the principal prior to each delivery.
- Do not use scripture in any project. Do not reference the true meaning of Christian holidays. (Exception: Christian schools)
- For each project, sign a note from "Moms in Prayer." Use caution in signing individual names. We do not want to draw attention to ourselves.
- Project planning time must not take place during your Moms in Prayer group prayer time.
- If there are several Moms in Prayer groups for the same school, coordinate your Words and Deeds.

Ideas to spark your own creativity in ministering to the teachers and staff at your school are available under **Teacher Appreciation**. The suggestions are not a "to-do list"! They are ideas for you to adopt, adapt or ignore.

Frequently Asked Questions

The following questions are in addition to the *Frequently Asked Questions* in the Moms in Prayer International *Booklet*.

Before addressing any problem solving situation, pray for God's guidance and discernment.

1. What if your group or an individual member does not want to follow the Four Steps of Prayer format?

As a preventive measure, begin each school year by taking two or three weeks to briefly explain the reasons for using the Four Steps of Prayer during your Moms in Prayer hour. Encourage each group member to read the Moms in Prayer International *Booklet*.

If necessary during the school year, graciously explain to the group member why this format is an effective use of the prayer time. It is effective because it is biblically based in teaching us how to pray, keeps us focused on the Lord and in the Word; keeps us in prayer instead of talking; keeps us focused on our children and their school.

2. What if your group does not pray in one accord?

Re-read the *Booklet*. At the beginning of each year, take time to explain one accord prayer. As new members join, share with the group how one accord prayer brings unity to their prayers. As a leader, set the example by keeping your own prayers short and simple, agreeing on each subject. Share with the group to pray often as the Holy Spirit leads, using short sentences. Be patient with them as they learn. Arrange for one or two others to help model the one accord method of prayer.

3. What if a mom wants to pray for her husband during the Moms in Prayer hour?

Following the Prayer Sheet is the best way to keep outside subjects from entering into your Moms in Prayer hour. If it is a prayer request that directly affects the father's relationship with the child, the mom can use the Intercession time to pray a specific request concerning that issue. However, if it is an urgent prayer request for employment or health, offer to meet before or after the Moms in Prayer hour; you may invite others in the group to join you.

If she continues to pray for unrelated subjects, pray for God's guidance in talking privately with her, being sensitive as you remind her that Moms in Prayer prays for children and schools. Be willing to pray with her before or after the Moms in Prayer hour, so she will know her needs are important, and she has your support.

4. What if a mom monopolizes the prayer hour?

Remind the group that keeping prayers short helps you cover all the topics in the hour, gives time for everyone to pray and allows you to pray in one accord—agreeing on each subject. Set a good example. You might have to be ready to "jump" in with your agreement when there is a pause. If you divide into smaller groups, you might want to pray with her to further model short, specific prayers. Continue to pray with her for several weeks.

One leader who had this problem said, "I phoned her during the week and said that I was afraid others in the group were not praying much. I suggested that she and I keep our prayers shorter to encourage others to pray more often. Asking for her help was the solution."

5. What if a mom from another faith that denies the deity of Christ, such as a Mormon or Jehovah's Witness, wants to join your group?

Privately show her the Moms in Prayer <u>Statement of Faith</u>. Usually, after reading it, she will recognize that Moms in Prayer is an evangelical ministry that believes that Jesus is God (John 1:1-4, 14, 18; 10:30), and she will not want to join. If she seems open to the gospel, the Lord could use your time with her to share how she can have a personal relationship with Jesus. Pray for sensitivity, guidance, wisdom, discernment and for her salvation. However, should she not respond favorably to the gospel, she will not be able to participate in the Moms in Prayer group. If further help is needed, please contact your area, regional or state coordinator.

6. What if you are asked to place an advertisement about Moms in Prayer in the PTA or school newsletter?

Express appreciation for the offer. Politely share that Moms in Prayer does not advertise in PTA, public school newsletters or social sites (Policy #6). We do not ask for anything from the PTA or school. We only want to be a positive support and encouragement to all teachers and staff.

7. What if the majority of your group is not committed to attending?

Contact absentee moms to let them know they are appreciated and missed. Nothing is more contagious than your own enthusiasm. As a leader, be sure you are committed, are following the <u>Four Steps of Prayer</u> and are beginning and ending on time. Personally pray for each individual that she would see the value of praying together. Occasionally, you may want to plan a brunch/luncheon/dinner, possibly at the beginning of the school year, at Christmas, and/or at the end of the school year to encourage bonding and fellowship. Periodically, at the beginning of the Moms in Prayer hour, share your appreciation with your group for their commitment and that their presence is an encouragement to you.

8. What if a mom has never prayed out loud?

Make her feel welcome and accepted. Remind the group that they are not required to pray out loud; God hears the prayers of our hearts. Partner her in a small group (at least three) with yourself or with women who will verbally pray for her child and set an example of simple prayers. Pray for her that God will give her the courage.

9. What do you do to encourage more praying during Thanksgiving time?

Start by thanking God for a specific answer to prayer from previous weeks. The group will follow your lead. For new groups that haven't seen many specific answers to prayer yet, thank God for a positive trait you see in your child, and encourage the ladies to agree in your thanksgiving. Then offer a thanksgiving to God for their child. You can also thank God for a specific quality in your child's teacher or school.

10. What if your group wants to include scripture on a note to your school to show appreciation?

Remind the group that our purpose is to pray, not to evangelize. We do not want to offend any school staff member. Be content with planting seeds of love and kindness. You might suggest they reword the same thought the scripture states without the appearance of trying to persuade or convert.

11. How do you know what to pray concerning your teachers and school campus?

The more time you spend on campus as a volunteer, the better you will know how to pray. Listen to your children, friends and teachers. Visit the school website and read all newsletters and information sent home from the school. Carefully look for items you can cover in prayer, such as meetings and activities.

12. How do you make a new mom feel accepted into a very close-knit group?

The leader plays a key role in helping a new mom feel welcome. Share a little about yourself and the group so that she will feel more comfortable. Have the women in the group introduce themselves and what child(ren) they pray for. Let her know you are glad she came and be available to answer any questions she might have.

13. How do you help a mom who's moving to an area without a Moms in Prayer group?

Focus your attention on training her to be a leader. Time spent in your group is the best training experience, especially if you are faithfully using the Prayer Sheet to lead the group through the Four Steps of Prayer. Encourage her to download this <u>Leader's Guide</u> and to visit our website <u>MomsInPrayer.org</u> for help in finding another mom to pray with her. Let her know your group will be praying for her as she moves and starts a Moms in Prayer group.

14. Can our Moms in Prayer group prayer walk around our school?

Walking around the campus while praying is an optional activity that should not take the place of the regular Moms in Prayer hour. Be sure to walk around the school, not in or through the school. A prayer walk must not be done during school hours.

15. Can dads join a group?

Moms in Prayer groups are a place for women to pray together, (Policy #13).

16. What if I want to start a group but do not have another mom to pray with yet?

Set aside a regular time, use a Prayer Sheet, and begin praying asking God to open your eyes to the women you should ask to join you. She does not have to have a child in exactly the same school, age or life stage as you. We also encourage you to join any nearby Moms in Prayer group. When you join a group, God will use this group to teach you about a Moms in Prayer hour. You will grow in confidence in your ability to lead as you continue to pray and watch for the woman God will bring you.

17. What should I do if I find out someone in my group has not honored the group's confidentiality?

Pray about how to approach your member. Set a time to talk with her privately. Remind her that confidentiality, as stated in the Moms in Prayer, Policies (page 26 of the *Booklet*) brings integrity to the ministry; therefore, all prayer requests must be held in the strictest confidence. Ask her if she is willing to maintain confidence, reminding her that what is prayed for in the group stays in the group. You can also share with her the <u>Policies</u> and <u>Core Values/Guiding Principles</u> of Moms in Prayer, which are found in the *Booklet* or MomsInPrayer.org/ Group-Leaders.

USA Ministry Roles

All Involved in Moms in Prayer

- Agree with Statement of Faith
- Follow the Four Steps of Prayer
- Keep prayers confidential
- Agree with the Mission and Vision of Moms in Prayer International
- Abide by Moms in Prayer International Policies

Member (M)

- Desire to pray regularly (one hour per week is optimum)
- Register as a member

Group Leader (L)

- Pray with at least one other mom for their children and school(s)
- Attends annual area leader gathering
- Register group annually, noting any changes or confirming that all information is the same.
- Encourages her group members to register

Area Coordinator (AC)

- Pursue outreach opportunities and equip Moms in Prayer leaders in her area(s), to grow groups and develope leaders
 - Have at least six months of group leader experience
 - Maintain area roster
 - Facilitate one leader gathering per year
 - Facilitate one area-wide event or outreach opportunity per year

Regional Coordinator (RC)

- Pursue outreach opportunities and equip ACs and those without an AC who are interested in leading prayer groups in your region
- Be an AC for at least one year
- Continue to meet AC qualifications and responsibilities
- Facilitate one leader gathering per year

State Coordinator (SC)

- Pursue outreach opportunities and equip ACs and those without an AC who are interested in leading prayer groups in your state
- Be an AC for at least one year
- Continue to meet qualifications and responsibilities

Division Coordinator (DC)

- Oversee and develop the Moms in Prayer leadership within multiple states
- Be an SC for at least two years and continue to meet SC qualifications and responsibilities

USA Country Coordinator (CC)

- Oversee and develop the Moms in Prayer leadership within the USA
- Be a DC for at least one year and continue to meet DC qualifications and responsibilities

Moms in Prayer Leadership: (Leadership is defined as an Area Coordinator and above.)

Priorities—Pray, Outreach and Equip

Process—Interview, application, approval, training, development of a team

Requirements—Remain in a Moms in Prayer group and attend annual national and/or state Gathering

Global Ministry Roles

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Contact Person (CP)

- Respond to women looking for a group and help join or start a group
- Pray for leaders and groups in your area

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State Coordinator (SC) / Provincial Coordinator (PC)

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- Be an AC for at least one year
- Continue to meet qualifications and responsibilities

Country Coordinator (CC)

Oversee and develop the Moms in Prayer leadership within a country

Regional Director (RD)

• Oversee and develop the Moms in Prayer leadership within her assigned countries

Director (D)

• Oversee and develop the Moms in Prayer leadership over several countries

Moms in Prayer Leadership: (Leadership is defined as an Contact Person and above.)

Priorities—Pray, Outreach and Equip

Process—Application, approval, training, development of a team

Requirements—Remain in a Moms in Prayer group

Global Ministry Roles

Moms in Prayer Resources

Moms in Prayer International Booklet

- Mission and Vision Statement
- Policies
- Praying in One Accord
- Statement of Faith

Moms in Prayer International Website

Group Leaders:

- Core Values and Guiding Principles
- Four Steps of Prayer/Timely Meetings
- Moms in Prayer Training Channel Podcast
- One Accord Prayer
- Policies
- Prayer Calendar
- Prayer Sheets
- Statement of Faith
- Online Video Bible Studies (Resources/Bible-Study)
- Resources for Purchase (Shop)
 - Booklets in English and other translations
 - Books
 - Four Step Postcards
 - · Igniting a Passion to Pray Bible Study
 - Prayer Cards
- Register Your Group (<u>Get Started/Start A Group</u>)
- Register Your Group Members (Get Started/Register)
- Words and Deeds (<u>Teacher Appreciation</u>)

Social Media

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Pinterest
- YouTube

Podcast

- Moms in Prayer Podcast
- Moms in Prayer **Training Channel** Podcast