

Our vision is that every school in the world would be covered in prayer.

Recently I, Sandra, noticed a post-card with the inscription,

"Courage is fear that has prayed".

I had bought it some time ago, but had not given it away so far. Now it resurfaced and reminded me of this year's Moms in Prayer annual verse:

"When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stout-hearted." (Psalm 138:3 NIV)

I love the Word of God, it contains so many treasures, wonderful promises, and so much encouragement.

The annual verse for 2022 is such a treasure; it impressively shows us how God responds to prayers. It is part of a psalm of thanksgiving in which David praises God for his goodness and faithfulness and his intervention in (often hopeless) situations. David experienced time and again that God answered his prayers.

I am encouraged by this verse because it is as relevant today as it was in David's day.

If we come to Him in our distress and with all our worries and fears concerning our children, our families or the current situation in the world and "call upon" Him, God will hear us and give us new courage and strength.

"Courage" here does not necessarily mean that we immediately lose our fears, but rather that we may have assurance that God is by our side in fear (Deut. 31:8), that He will make us strong (Isa. 41:10), that He will help us (Isa. 41:13), that He will fight for us (Exodus 14:14), and that He will never turn away



Manuela with her assistant Sandra

from us (Joshua 1:5b).

With this assurance, our confidence and trust in God's sovereign intervention grows. We may be sure that God hears our prayers and that He will act at the right time. It may not happen immediately or in the way we hope, but it always happens in time and in accordance with God's perfect plan for each individual.

And so today I want to encourage you to confidently bring all your worries, needs and fears before God in prayer, trusting that He hears you and that He will give you new courage and strength for your situation.

Sandra, Manuela's assistant, introduces herself

My name is Sandra Stüer. I am married, I have two daughters (born in 2007 and 2010) and I live in Potsdam with my family.

A few years ago, I became aware of Moms in Prayer through a Christian blog. The idea of praying together with other moms for our children and their schools appealed to me and I was hoping to join a MiP group in Potsdam. Unfortunately, this was not the case as there was no group in Potsdam or the surrounding area.

I ordered the MiP material and tried to implement the knowledge gained in prayer for our daughters alone.

For professional reasons we moved to Brussels in September 2020, and I again hoped to join a MiP

group. I had already contacted Moms in Prayer Belgium in advance, but unfortunately had to hear again that there was no local group, which seemed inconceivable in a city like Brussels.

I continued to pray alone for our two daughters and also for a prayer partner.

In February 2021, I participated in a MiP Online Day from Belgium, and I continue to marvel at how richly I was blessed by it. God had packed a little treasure chest for me for that day, the contents of which I was allowed to discover bit by bit throughout the day. I finally met other MiP women and was greatly encouraged by their personal testimonies. I was able to practice concretely and in community the four steps of prayer and prayer in harmony and also received an invitation to pray online together with two wonderful MiP women in the future. In addition, this day brought me into contact with the Belgian MiP team, and I was able to contribute to the translation of the Belgian prayer calendar into French and German, found two wonderful local prayer partners (even though we were mostly only able to meet online due to the pandemic), and gained many valuable experiences.

In October 2021, we went back to Potsdam as a family, where I have been the contact person, ever since.

In addition, I have been able to support our federal coordinator for Germany, Manuela Woldt, as an assistant since the end of 2021.

Anja, our prayer coordinator, introduces herself

My name is Anja Weinmann. I am married to Torsten and blessed with three boys born in 1997, 1999 and 2003. I was born in Karlsruhe, but have been living in the Lahn-Dill district of Hessen for over 25 years. My story with Moms in Prayer started with the fact that I just love to pray in community! I had already experienced so much in my teenage years through joint prayer that I wished for such a group also as a mom..., I actually did not know that such a thing already existed: Moms praying for their children and their schools..., but

God is so faithful: He let me know about a MiP group in my own village by a divine "coincidence", and so HE answered this wish even before I prayed for it! So I have been enthusiastically involved since

2003 over the years in various "functions": as fellow prayer, leader, contact person and finally as area coordinator. In the last few years the desire grew in me to support this great prayer network more in the background, i.e. to be in prayer for prayer, to encourage women with the prayer calendar, to create prayer sheets, to lead prayer times and everything else that has to do with prayer. I was already able to explore this as an assistant for one year at the side of the former prayer coordinator Martina Rollbühler and now I was allowed to assume this position in October 2021.



Ulla, our new employee

Since April, Ulla Meier from Hamburg has been supporting us in the MiP Germany team. She corrects and revises texts for the website, the newsletter and translates texts into English. I am very happy about Ulla's willingness.

We are urgently looking for help in the area of the website. A big thank you to all of you who have been supporting us faithfully and reliably in small and large ways for many years.

„Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...“ (Kol 3:23, NIV)

Manuela Woldt

20 years MiP Austria

About 20 years ago I read an article in the Christian magazine "Lydia" about Moms in Prayer. Reading these lines about this prayer movement gripped and moved me



Ursula Sabine Röbl (middle) with her team

inwardly, I wanted to pray with other mothers for our children. A second mother also had this request on her heart, and so we started a group.

Since that time, the prayer for the children, schools and teachers has not stopped. The composition of the group and also my position at MiP has changed over the years. Since 2018 I am allowed to lead MiP Austria with a team and encourage women, mothers and grandmothers to step into the gap for their children and like Nehemiah build protective walls around them through prayer with God's effective word.

On 7.5.2022 we celebrated 20 years of MiP in Austria, because there is so much reason to celebrate and thank our great God. But this anniversary was also supposed to be a visible sign that we will not stop praying and stay on courageously and full of trust to see and experience that God's word is true and everything He promised will be fulfilled.

Our motto for this celebration was a line of text from a song around Psalm 66, a summary about God's greatness.

"Come and see, for our God is good, and what he does shows he is great."

Over 50 women from Austria and also dear MiP sisters from six other nations (Norway, Finland, Estonia, Czech Republic, Switzerland as well as Germany) celebrated this glorious truth.

- Encouragement, joy, hope and a new vision and depth of prayer filled the hearts of the women, regardless of age.
- The common thread throughout the day was

the four steps of prayer.

- We heard testimonies from mothers of how God intervened in hopeless situations and gave a wonderful way out.
- Praise and dance took us into God's throne room.
- One song in particular strengthened us: "Victory belongs to you alone" (Urban Life Church).
- All the practical things like the moderation, various activities and food also worked smoothly.
- The fellowship with and getting to know our sisters from the other countries. was also very precious.
- We tasted that day how good and great and faithful the Lord is.

Ursula Sabine Röbl,
Country Coordinator MiP Austria

Dates

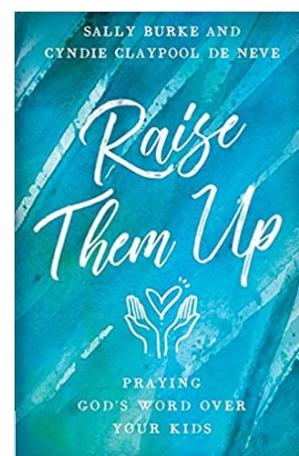
We are very happy that local meetings are taking place again.

Meanwhile, we also offer a variety of online opportunities to pray with women from all over Germany in German, English and Spanish. The dates can be found on the website.

For your prayer times, you will find new material on our website that we will be happy to send you.

An inspiring book and other new material

We also recommend an impactful book written by Moms in Prayer President Sally Burke, entitled „Raise them up: Praying God's Word over your kids". The book is available in stores & online retailers and invites you to pray specifically and concretely with Bible passages for our children and their concerns.



About us

We are moms who are called to pray. We are a non-denominational movement of mothers who are convinced that God changes people and situations through prayer.

All over the world, women meet for one hour per week in small groups of two or more and bring God their requests. They pray for their children, teachers, and schools (even kindergardens). These groups are made up of mothers, grandmothers and other women who want to pray especially for one child or school. We are convinced that prayer is effective!

Purpose

- * we want to support our children through specific prayer
- * we want to pray for the needs of fellow students, teachers, and the school administration
- * we pray that schools will exhibit and demonstrate biblical values
- * we want to be a positive and supportive influence in local schools

Mission Statement

Moms In Prayer International impacts children and schools worldwide for Christ by gathering mothers to pray.

Vision Statement

Our vision is that every school in the world would be covered in prayer.



Would you like to tell **Ukrainian moms** about the precious gift they can give their children?

With this material you have a valuable support tool in your hand and you can invite them to pray for children, teachers and schools.

MiP booklets and flyers in Ukrainian, verse cards in Russian.

Bookmarks

with the four steps of prayer are now also available in **English and Spanish**.

Four Steps of Prayer

Praise
for who He is and for His character

Confession
of our sins silently before God

Thanks-giving
to God for all He has done

Intercession
using Bible verses to pray for our children & schools

"Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children..."
Lamentations 2:19

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Cuatro Pasos de la Oración

ALABANZA
Dios es alabado por lo que Él es y cómo Él es.

CONFESIÓN
A Dios le confesamos en silencio nuestros pecados.

ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS
A Dios le agradecemos por lo que ha hecho.

INTERCESIÓN
Con versículos bíblicos oramos por los hijos y sus centros educativos.

"Levántate y clama por las noches, cuando empiece la vigilia nocturna. Deja correr el llanto de tu corazón como ofrenda derramada ante el Señor. Eleva tus manos a Dios en oración por la vida de tus hijos ..."
Lamentaciones 2:19

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"Special circumstances require special measures"

I heard this phrase from my grandparents quite often in their everyday lives as self-employed farmers in East Germany. As a child, I was not aware of their particular circumstances, but today I know too well about the challenges they faced back then.

We, too, are currently living in and with great challenges. In the Bible we find some heroes of faith who also took special measures in special circumstances.

One of them is Nehemiah. His action in faith in a destroyed city, confronted with many things that seemed impossible and attacks on his life, is a model for us in our ministry at Moms in Prayer at this time.

Nehemiah previously lived a comfortable life in an exalted social position and with a very good income. He lived in abundance and was carefree. But GOD did not let him rest, and thus he inquired of his brother how his hometown and his people were there.

Does this seem familiar to us? Mostly we also live a quiet life, are our needs met. We pray together for our children and stand for their needs. But sometimes God also doesn't let us rest and uses our circumstances in order to bring us deeper into prayer and thus more near to HIS heart.

In the past two years it seemed to us at Moms in Prayer that our hearts were widened quite far beyond our personal concerns. Like Nehemiah, we began to focus on the next generation and its challenges. We joined as one in prayer and placed JESUS as a foundation and cornerstone in the empty schools of our country. Upon this, in faith, like Nehemiah, we built walls of protection around our children and the schools. In continued prayer, new bricks were added week after week. It is purely a work of faith.

Like Nehemiah, we trust that we are following GOD's call, and we unite in prayer so that every school in Germany has a prayer wall around it.

On the face of it this is an impossible work, but our GOD works in the invisible realm. He doesn't depend on our activities and our works. We trust HIS words and then stand up courageously to walk in HIS ways in the power of the LORD.

I am personally encouraged by the examples of

the heroes of faith like Noah, Abraham or Sarah from Heb. 11, whose lives show that without faith it is impossible to please GOD (see Heb. 11:6). Even though my faith often feels as small as a mustard seed, I want to trust HIS Word and run the race for HIS glory, in HIS strength.

I want to challenge you: Join in and stand boldly where GOD has planted you and flourish for HIS glory. Rise, stand in the rows of the praying mothers and grandmothers and look at our GOD who works miracles in the lives of our children and grandchildren.

Nehemiah used the rubble on the ground to rebuild the walls. Let us use the current challenges as an opportunity to enter intensely and faithfully into prayer. Join us as we bring our worries and burdens to the Lord, worship Him, confess our guilt, thank Him for everything in everything, and then boldly place our intercessions before His throne. Thus united, we build the walls of protection around local schools. Every prayer is so valuable!

We as the MiP Germany team and our leadership stand ready to pray, and we look forward to hearing from you. Pray for opportunities that GOD has prepared to tell moms and grandmas about your experiences in prayer. Take JESUS with you in your everyday life and commit your ways to HIM.

United in JESUS and in HIS love

Manuela Wolدت

Country Coordinator MiP Germany



Anja, our prayer coordinator writes:

In March, I wrote in the cover letter of the prayer calendar that I would like to collect prayer requests. It started when the area coordinator Manuela Gimbel from the LDK circle was touched by the verse from Nehemiah 1:2: „...and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem.“ For her, this was the starting point to inquire personally of educators and teachers how they were doing..., her telling about it in turn inspired me to do the same and you in turn inquired.



These are now the collected responses. Let God put on your heart what you particularly want to stand up for and add your own observations. In this way, together we can rebuild the broken walls of the schools.

- Insecurity and turmoil of the students
- Tolerance and normal interaction (especially with illnesses) hardly exists
- Many students with mental illnesses (panic attacks)
- Fears of failing and not keeping up in class
- Fear of Corona and its consequences
- No good and loving relationships in the family due to prolonged quarantine periods
- Mental and physical abuse
- Prayer for the parents' homes, lack of respect/discipline, parents first look for the teacher's fault
- Outdated, ramshackle school system
- School system: that people get into the school management who are called to do so
- School management: heart for the teachers, not only look at what the parents or the press think...
- That the atmosphere in the school administration becomes better and fairer, and that local teachers and employees make the decisions, not some committee far removed from the situation.
- Christians take up this profession. They require a mature personality
- Part-time employment of teachers. In many places it is not defined what a part-time worker does. Injustice can develop from this
- Fairness in the selection of school board members, that a close look is taken
- Overwork of teachers (many leave teaching because of this)
- Disrespectful behavior by pupils towards teachers, not accepting limits
- Thoughtless hurling out insults among pupils
- Only 35% of the parents think that they are responsible for the upbringing of their children, 4% even say that institutions are solely responsible for it
- Parents, even Christians, think that young children should be cared for by pedagogical professionals in any case, if the parents themselves have no pedagogical training. As a result, many young children now spend more time with educational professionals than with their own parents
- More importance is attached to care outside the family than to care from parents

Every prayer is a brick in the wall of protection.