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„May the god of hope fill you...” Romans 15:13 NIV

Our God is a God of hope and His desire is that mothers and grandmothers take hold of and experience this hope more and more!

I will cherish and remember the month of October 2019 for many years to come. For months I had prepared for my participation in the 35-year anniversary of Moms in Prayer International in Carlsbad, CA.* Its purpose was to share God's hope for the world, for his glory. Almost 1,000 mothers and grandmothers from many nations around the world came together to give God glory and honor him! We shared enthusiastic sessions of praise songs, took part in workshops, listened to encouraging testimonies and reports and felt blessed in this wonderful, intensive time of fellowship! I am so moved by the fact that Moms in Prayer International has been focusing on the same vision ‚A Prayer Group for Every School’ for 35 long years!

Moms' hearts beat the same all over the world, whether we are from Cameroon, South Korea, America or Germany. What connects us? Our vision for the next generations and for the schools which influence their thinking so much.

Even if the concrete needs in each nation differ, we moms gather together around the world, on our knees in prayer, and speak God's words into the lives and problems of our children and grandchildren.

Moms in Prayer International has chosen a verse for this year and I would like to share this hope with all of you:

„May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.“
Romans 15:13 NIV

Our possibilities are limited – for God, nothing is impossible!

We are weak – but his strength is made perfect in our weakness!

We lack the right words to say – but his word is powerful and can destroy strongholds in our children's and grandchildren's lives!

Our prayers using God's word are the most pre-

cious gift that we could ever give our children!

The MiP Team Germany is excited and joyful as they fast and pray in the planning phase of the Moms in Prayer Germany 25-year anniversary. This will take place in Hannover on Saturday, May 2nd, 2020. Germany has received many blessings due to the faithful, weekly, four-step prayers of mothers and grandmothers over the last 25 years! And now the next generation of young mothers is rising up and forming prayer groups for their children and the teachers in the local schools and kindergartens!



Thank you for joining us in prayer for this upcoming anniversary celebration! We are so thankful for God's faithfulness and care. We want to carry this vision from God into the future: A Prayer Group for Every School in Germany! May this vision spark an eternal fire and cause mothers all over the country to pray continually!

School is the place where our children are strongly influenced. We pray for God's wall of protection there and that what happens at the schools will bring him glory.

The 25-year MiP anniversary in May is a testimony of thankfulness and praise to God. We want to encourage one another to pray in unity and in hopeful expectation that God will fulfill his will in the lives of our children. The MiP Team Germany is very much looking forward to seeing you there and getting to know each of you personally!

Even last-minute guests are most welcome! Don't miss this important event and the chance to join together and bring God glory!

United with you in Jesus,

Manuela Woldt

Country Coordinator

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Praying Scripture for Your Child— A Message to You from Fern Nichols

"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? Mother 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?"

I want to share with you an illustration of scripture-praying for your child using Psalm 23:3, and to demonstrate, I'll use the name "David." (Remember to break into twos and threes for your intercession time.)

"Guide David in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake." Take that little verse, "Father, guide David." Take a little time to think about it. Guide David. "Oh, Father, there are so many things on this earth that are going to want to guide David. There are going to be times when he will want to guide himself, because he thinks he's got the answer. But I pray in Jesus' name, that David will seek Your guidance first."

See what I mean? I'm still on the first word. Take time to stop and think and ponder and look at the words in the verse. When I pray this way for David, there will be ideas in this verse that I won't even think of because I'm just one part of the body. But, my prayer partner is another part of the body. Praying Holy Spirit-directed prayers, she will pray in those ways I never thought of praying, and my spirit agrees with her.

That's why we pray short prayers; we don't want one person praying all around the world. We want to hear from the rest of the body so we hear what Jesus is saying. The other mom might pray, "Oh, God, guide David in paths of righteousness, that he would walk aright, that he would not be a prideful man."

What a joy to hear another mom love my child through prayer. She prays for my child as if she expects victory! And it splashes on me.

We put the scripture face to face with the enemy. That's exactly what Jesus did. Every time Satan came up to Jesus, what did He say? IT IS WRITTEN. It is written. This is Your will for my Son.

"Guide David in the paths of righteousness for YOUR name's sake, not for his glory, not for me to say I have an awesome son, but for Your glory, for Your destiny, for the will and the plan that You have for his life. You created him for a purpose, Oh God, help him not to miss it."

See how exciting this is? And we haven't even started the specific request. Specific things may come out as you are praying concerning the verse, but you will have time to pray your specific request for that week. And, before you do, pray the same scripture in the same fashion for the other mom's child.

Don't gloss over it. Don't race through it. Linger and pray God's own words, pray God's truth, pray God's will for your child.

There is a time for everything — including saying "Goodbye!"

Dear MiP Ladies!

In August 2019 I had a very intensive weekend in which God's Holy Spirit revealed some things to me about my life. I knew immediately that things could not go on the way they had been: Jesus was calling me to take some time out. He used the passage in Luke 10:41 to challenge me to live and become more like Mary and less like Martha. He told me to stop managing things and serving everyone and instead to spend more time at his feet. This was very difficult for me to accept, because laying down my ministries also included my service with Moms in Prayer! I spoke with our Country Coordinator, Manuela Woldt, and after much prayer, we agreed on a one-year sabbath rest to seek God for wisdom for my future ministry decisions. At first I was not sure in which direction God would lead me, but in the last few weeks it has become clear that I should not return to MiP as the Regional Coordinator for my area. So after discussing this with Manuela, I discontinued my position of leadership as of February 1, 2020.

Although taking this step was very difficult, I have peace that it is the Lord's will. He has a new calling on my life, and I am starting to go in that direction, together with my husband, Martin.

I am so thankful for the years of working together with all of you in MiP. Thank you for your faithful prayers for



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our children and their schools, and for your ministry to the families in Germany! I have learned so much through serving with you. I am so grateful for your specific prayers for me and my MiP responsibilities at our annual leadership conferences! It has been a huge blessing working for you and with you as Contact Person and then as Regional Coordinator.

I am sad about not seeing you regularly in the near future; but we are joined in Christ and in our hearts. I hope that our paths will cross again very soon! Until we meet again, I send you my heartfelt greetings and wish you all the best.

Tabea

20 Years with Moms in Prayer—Looking back

I am grateful when I look back on the last 20 years of serving God with Moms in Prayer. I never thought that God would take my natural desire to pray for my children and turn it into such a fulfilling and life-changing ministry! I have learned so much and God has helped me to mature in my faith!

At the beginning, my only wish was to pray more effectively than the standard, „Dear God, please help and protect my children!“ In 2001, Christel Moog and I learned about the Moms in Prayer movement at a MiP informational meeting in the German state of Hessen. We heard about answers to prayer which were astounding! At the meeting, we practiced praying in unity for our children and I was deeply moved. In that same year, two MiP groups began in our town of Mühlthal: one for the school and one for the kindergarden.

The next MiP Informational meeting in Hessen took place in our town of Mühlthal. Ingrid Giger, the MiP Country Coordinator at the time, explained to those attending about the four steps of prayer. We practiced praying with Bible verses and were challenged to pray our requests directly (and not to discuss them before our time of prayer). The participants were full of joy and blessing after this wonderful prayer meeting!

After that, we continued with MiP informational meetings once or twice a year. The concept and practice of four-step praying was introduced. The preparations for each meeting were bathed in prayer. Christel and I met biweekly outside of our regular MiP meeting to pray for the statewide meetings and for the expansion of MiP in Hessen. Many new groups began during that time (by dividing a group or by starting a completely new one). Over time, I was asked to become a Contact Person for our town and later to assume the responsibility of Area Coordinator for Darmstadt/Dieburg. I said yes to both positions. Through regular group prayer, much encouragement from others, the taking on of small and bigger responsibilities over the years and the positive experience of working together with other MiP leaders, I slowly but surely grew into the positions of Regional and then State Coordinator for Hessen.

MiP's annual leadership conferences have always been a great joy for me. We pray and fellowship together, share our news, have good teaching and input, and learn more about MiP's structure, purpose and vision. Christel and I once taught a group of Contact Persons at one of these conferences. This was a challenge for both of us, but we learned a lot and saw how wonderfully God used our different characters to work together and team-teach.

I also enjoyed attending and often leading local MiP informational meetings around the area. The local moms were always so supportive! God also gave me the gift of compiling monthly, thematic prayer sheets to share with the moms. I learned so much about God's precious character in the weeks of preparation before the final product was printed. He is good! He is always present! He gives us grace! He loves us unconditionally!

MiP is also concerned with each woman individually and the leaders try to invest in them personally as far as possible. I therefore also spent many hours with ladies on the telephone in one-on-one prayer. Some of these ladies then felt encouraged enough to start their own groups. God showed me through this that we should not invest in a person for our own purposes and hopes, but to just serve and love them and see what God will do with and through that person! He has a plan for them and he will realize it.

In recent years I have spent more time digging into the MiP handbooks, which offer information for the various leadership roles in the MiP hierarchy structure. These are fantastic compilations of MiP's structure and purpose but they also offer spiritual and practical information for our daily ministry needs and possible problems. Each handbook is really a treasure!

To summarize some of my many experiences:

I was able to pray with wonderful women, who are passionate about God and serving him.

I was able to pray with other women for the children, schools and families in our area.

I was able to pour into and invest in many women and help nurture their spiritual lives.

I was able to witness the harvest of my own deeper walk with God, more joy, and a greater understanding of what being his child really means.

I received the huge gift of having three believing daughters and three believing sons-in-law, along with the amazing gift of my dear husband, who sees me as his God-given companion.

In all this, my heart is full of gratefulness for the over 20 years of MiP prayer ministry and for all of the women who have encouraged and challenged me during that period. These women often saw more potential in me than I saw in myself. Thank you!

I would like to encourage all of you to invest time and

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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.

energy in praying for and with other mothers for the children and schools in your area. God hears every prayer and never leaves one unanswered.

With a thankful heart, **Brigitte**

In Psalm 31 David prayed to God: "My time is in your hands." This verse also holds true in our lives as well as our ministry with Moms in Prayer. I would like to thank **Tabea and Brigitte** with all my heart for their precious years of service with Moms in Prayer, their prayers and their year-long investment of time in many parts of our ministry. May the Lord bless you richly in your future walk with him!

Manuela Woldt

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Days of Praying and Fasting, March 23-25, 2020

We invite you to join us in a period of unified fasting and praying for our children, their schools, the MiP ministry and the upcoming 25-year anniversary of MiP Germany. See momsinprayer.de/gebete to download prayer sheets for this important event!

2020 – MiP's 25-year Jubilee – May 2, 2020, in Hannover

Dear Ladies, dear Moms,

Come and see how encouraging it is to share times of praise and prayer to our heavenly Father with other, like-minded ladies and moms! You can hear testimonies of how God answered other ladies' prayers and how he worked in their children's lives! Are you looking for some fresh hope and encouragement? Perhaps you would like to find out what it is like to be part of this precious prayer movement. Or are you thinking about starting a new group to pray for your children? You see the needs and concerns they have at school. We would like to encourage you to join us! Come to the MiP 25-year anniversary and bring your friends!

You are welcome to join this wonderful event! Don't miss it! Registration and other details can be found at momsinprayer.de/termine/jubilaumsfeier-2020

What is going on in MiP Germany?

Find out about all informational and thank and praise meetings countrywide on our website. You can visit them in person and also pray for them! Are you looking for a meeting in your area, but can't find one? Contact us! We will try to help you and connect you with a local contact. Write us at infotreffen@momsinprayer.de

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