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„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 NIV*

Our moms in prayer core verse unexpectedly became stark reality this year. Are not our hearts filled with grief and pain? Don't we see the need, the fears, the confusion and the lack of orientation in our children, the next generation? Despite almost daily revised guidelines, instructions and updated scientific findings, our society is still wandering around aimlessly, with no way up or out. How wonderful it is, therefore, that we mothers and grandmothers can take all of our sadness, pain and fears to our great God! We can **pour out our hearts before Him** and tell Him our troubles. We never have to pretend or wear a mask in His presence!

For over 25 years, MIP's focus has been on praying for our country's and world's children, teachers, and schools. The needs have always been great, but they seem even more serious this year! The Bible is full of situations where the people would have been completely helpless if the Lord had not intervened. Even the context of our **core verse** from Lamentations depicts a very dire scenario. Fierce enemies wanted to attack the children of Israel! And even today, our spiritual enemy, the devil, also wants to attack our children and grandchildren in many different ways. He uses subtle and sneaky or even blatant means to do so. And he often succeeds.

Our privilege is that we can ask Jesus in prayer for wisdom and knowledge to deal with all of the situations facing families today. And He is glad to give it to anyone who asks (James 1:5). We ladies often react to crises by jumping in with well-meaning actions, or we feel totally paralyzed and can't do anything! Let's read our verse again: **„Lift up your hands up to Him...!“** We are called to lift our hands to the ONE who conquered death itself and is seated at God's right hand. Lifting our hands is a posture of surrender, giving up our will, and demonstrating respect. We recognize and proclaim that Jesus is stronger and more able to intervene in this situation than any other power! Can you see one of Jesus' principles at work here?

Bringing our needs to God with all sincerity, pouring our hearts out in prayer, and then surrendering our wills to His costs us time and energy. But consider for a moment how much it cost our Lord

Jesus. It was Jesus who also gave us the Spirit of power, love, and self control (2 Tim. 1:17)! May this same Spirit strengthen us and help us to stand during these very trying times.

But why should we invest time in prayer at all? Our core verse reminds us: **„...for the lives of your children...“** Ladies, our MIP prayer time is much more than asking God to help our children with their test grades! We are in a spiritual battle of life and death, fighting with God's weapons for the lives of our children and grandchildren! This deeper aspect of our prayer ministry requires divine wisdom and understanding. We need to be grounded in our faith so that we can stand strong and intercede for others.

Let's learn from Nehemiah. He had a heart which saw the needs of those around him and was willing to sacrifice himself for their welfare. May we learn from his story how crucial it is to construct spiritual walls of protection around our children and their schools. May God grant us wisdom to pray strategically for our children, using His words to bless them and declaring His truth over them and their lives.

Let us stand shoulder to shoulder in our continued battle for the lives of our children, applying the principles of fasting, prayer, blessing those we pray for, and faith. Use the wonderful possibilities we have, including meeting online during lockdown periods. Don't give up! Nothing is impossible for our great God!

United with you in Jesus

Manuela Woldt

German Country Coordinator



Looking back: Five days of Blessing in Nov. 2020

From November 16 – 20, 2020 Germany's leadership team invited us to a session called „The Five Days of Blessing.“ I was really excited and full of hope that my PC would work properly so that I could take part. I was so happy when, at 5pm on the first evening, the Country Coordinator Manuela Woldt called me via Skype. With just one click I was instantly connected with MIP ladies from all over Germany! Women from north, south, east and west sat at their computer screens. We were able to greet one another in a heartfelt way and look forward to the following 30 minutes of prayer and fellowship.

The core Bible verses for the time of praise were from Genesis 22:16-18. We were able to see how deep and full of meaning these verses are! We were continually amazed by Abraham's faith and how much blessing he received for his obedience. And this blessing carries over to us today. We were able to praise our God for being so faithful to His own promises to us! His oath stands throughout all generations! He allowed us Gentiles, through faith, to become part of his covenant with Abraham. We gave all our praise to the wonderful and almighty Father, who spared not his Son for us, like Abraham was also called to do. Rather, God sacrificed His Son for our salvation! When we think about how much blessing Abraham received for his obedience, imagine how much more God will bless us and future generations when we are obedient to our Lord Jesus Christ! We can stand in confidence before His throne because of His righteousness and proclaim HIS victory in all situations. All the glory and honor belong to Him!

In our individual quiet time of confession, we took time to bring our sins before the Lord and accept His forgiveness. This was followed by a time of collective thanksgiving. Our Lord Jesus Christ has called women all over Germany to be His royal priestesses. He has chosen us and we are His. We have been sanctified, and He has „called us out of darkness and into his wonderful light, that we may declare his praises (1 Peter 2:9 NIV). And so the MIP leaders all across Germany did just that. We thanked the Almighty God for the miracle of the MIP movement, for the abundance of praying women He has given us, who sacrifice time regularly to stand in the gap and pray for the country's schools. We thanked the Lord for the „streams of living water“ (John 7:38) which have flowed all over our country as a result of these women's prayers, who through faith and obedience pray, and bring light and blessing to children, schools and teachers. And we thanked God in advance for all of the women He will bring to join us in prayer in the future!

Our time of intercession was one of unity in the Holy Spirit. Kathrin Larsen, MIP Europe Director, encouraged us with the story of Nehemiah. Through prayer,

God builds protective walls around Germany's schools and we can bless all those who enter and leave.

As one voice we prayerfully quoted the verses from Numbers 6:24-26 for each German state. We asked the Lord not to turn His face away from the pupils, teachers and schools, but rather to fill them with His light and peace. Especially during the corona pandemic lockdown, it was a privilege to bless the pupils and teachers in this way! They are experiencing a completely unknown and challenging situation and need our prayers more than ever!

On the last day of our five-day session, we asked God to richly bless our Country Coordinator, Manuela Woldt, her team, and all MIP leaders and group members. It was wonderful to bathe them in God's love and ask Him to turn His eyes towards them!

I am so glad that I took part in this five-day session of blessing. Despite my full calendar, God helped me to find a lot of time to pray more! It was so special to enjoy close fellowship with the other women, especially since we have to keep our distance from our friends and relatives at the moment! The Lord connected our hearts and we experienced God's fullness. Together we tasted and saw the goodness of the Lord.

United in Christ with you *Susan Kuchler*

Power Prayer - Preview Spring 2021

From February 1st until May 10th, 2021 (excluding Easter Monday, April 5th, 2021), we'd like to invite you to practice a new form of prayer together with us!

Every Monday from 8 to 8:30 a.m. during the above-mentioned period, time will be set aside for a shortened MIP – prayer session using the new **handbook** (see momsinprayer.de/material). During Step 4/ intercession, we want to focus especially on the next generation.

We have all experienced crises and challenges in this difficult time. The younger generation is especially hard hit by the virus pandemic and other world circumstances. We moms and grandmothers would therefore like to dedicate a special time of prayer to this age group, bringing their needs before our great God.

Our core MIP Bible verse, Lamentations 2:19, says that we should pour out our hearts like water before the Lord. In the last few weeks, I have done just this: prompted by difficult personal circumstances, I have literally poured my heart out before God in prayer. His response was to bring me closer to His heart, and to give me a deeper awareness about the current needs of the next generation. God grieves when the youth of this world is so troubled!

In Spring 2020 we had a special 52-day prayer event,

praying that Jesus Himself would become and remain the foundation in our country's schools. In November we built a virtual wall of blessing by praying for our children. During the Night of Faith our own faith was strengthened through individual and group prayer.

We look forward to the upcoming Power Prayer event in February! We invite you to join us in prayer during this special time on Monday mornings. For more information or to participate, please send your Skype name to this event's coordinator, Anja Weinmann, at anja.weinmann@momsinprayer.de



MIP-Prayer-Handbook (only available) in German

This prayer handbook contains 40 prepared MIP meeting prayer sheets-enough for a whole year! It also includes blank pages for your personalized MIP meeting preparation. This lovingly prepared handbook offers a lot of space to write down your own or your group's prayer requests and answers to prayer. In this way, it can become your personal MIP journal! It is a perfect tool for group leaders who are just starting out and need some guidelines to practice the four steps of prayer. We recommend that each mom orders her own copy of this handbook (see photo on left side).

Feedback regarding the Nehemiah Project 2020

„Prayer has changed so much in our school. Those teachers who were formerly against God's word have moved away to other positions and the pupils are very **open to God's word**! One boy, who often had **temper tantrums** at school, is no longer exhibiting this behaviour.“

„Our son has started going back to kindergarden. He is **much happier** in the mornings when he leaves the house and tells us all about his nice day when he comes home.“

„At our last general conference, the parent representatives met in the school's auditorium. I glanced over at the room's stained glass windows and discovered that the middle window depicts a **cross**. I realized anew that Jesus is unstoppable in all situations! Even in a school which had been used during a socialist regime for over 40 years has a cross in its structure! HE is our foundation. HE is the cornerstone. Hallelujah!“

„In our kindergarden, the teacher distributed **Bible stories on CD** to the young children. My physical therapist's daughter was quite moved by these stories. She listened to them with joy and accepted the message of salvation. She is now a child of God and prays to Him, even though her family is not yet saved. God's ways are wonderful.“

„Praying moms in a neighboring village decided to act on the suggestion to leave a greeting card for the faculty at each of eight local schools. The MIP group is very happy to receive **positive feedback** from the schoolteachers.“

„Often, when a MIP group's children all graduate from a certain school, the prayer group for that school dissolves. We prayed that this would not happen concerning two schools in our town, and God sent a miracle. A **new MIP group** has started in our town and they pray for both schools. **One** of the group members is the religion teacher for both schools!“

„Our handicapped daughter attends a school for mentally handicapped children. She found a creative way to take God's word into her school. While she was cooking she was allowed to listen to **a sermon and praise songs** out loud on her tablet“ In this way God's word was proclaimed at that school!“

„My son works at an institution for handicapped people. The group leader noticed that whenever my son has a request, he prays to God about it. The leader googled my name and contacted me. I had an opportunity to speak with him and explain what MIP is all about.“

„During the period of corona restrictions, I had the possibility to pray online with a group of ladies, whom **I wouldn't have had contact** with otherwise. I see that as something positive coming out of this time!“

„During this project, some older mothers in my area decided to **use social media technology** to meet for prayer. It's great that we can move forward in this ministry despite obstacles like a lockdown! We can continue to pray for our children and teachers, and ask JESUS to come and be the foundation in our schools.“

„Right at the beginning of the corona crisis there were **a lot of women looking to join or start a prayer group**. My prayer is that this awareness of the need for prayer will continue.“

„My husband had to visit the schools in our county on business. He **prayed while he was in** the various schools, and we moms prayed from home in our groups!“



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.

„Teachers have received a lot **more appreciation** from families during this time.“

From the MIP office: „There were **a few requests** for information and **a few new groups** began. The mothers sense a call to prayer for their children, teachers, and schools. Our prayers for the schools last Spring were effective. Let's not give up praying!“

Information and video about the Nehemia-Project (in German)

<https://www.momsinprayer.de/index.php/de/nehemia>

Prayer Dates in 2021

January 13—MIP International's Global Day of Prayer and Fasting

February 15—Moms In Prayer Day-online

From February 1– April 26—Power Prayer, Mondays at 8 a.m. (virtual)

For more information, please consult this newsletter and our website.

MiP Offering Cube

One praying mom told us the following story: *“Our MIP group meets weekly for prayer. We utilize the offering cube as a help in our meetings, because the Four Steps of Prayer are listed on the sides of the cube! Of course, we also use the cube for its intended purpose: each mother makes a small weekly donation. Every penny counts, and over time we have collected a nice sum of money.*

We serve a generous God. He sees our faithfulness in small and large gestures, and he blesses us for our obedience. Once or twice a year, we transfer the money to the MIP bank account. Moms in Prayer is financed solely by donations. It is our joy to support this important ministry. The funds are used for printing and sending prayer materials to interested women all over the country. We are happy to be a part of this movement. With our donations and prayers we are helping to sow God's word in this and future generations. And God will reap the harvest in his perfect timing.“

Here's a small tip: You can order the offering cube through the MIP office online, by phone or by e-mail. It is free and you fold and glue it together yourself. Alternatively, you can use your own container to collect donations at your weekly meetings. The bank transfer information for MIP Germany can be found below.



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Unless otherwise noted, all Bible verses in English are quoted from the NIV Version, 1978.

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Moms in Prayer Day-Online

On Wednesday, September 9th, 2020, we offered an online seminar in Hamburg (North Germany) to present, explain and practice MIP's four steps of prayer. All MIP members and anyone who was interested were welcome to take part.

There were five one-hour video sessions over the course of the day. Using the telephone to take part was also possible. To allow for the participants' different schedules due to work and family, we offered the meetings at different times of the day: from 8 to 9 a.m., 11 to 12 noon, 2 to 3 p.m., 5 to 6 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m. In retrospect, we noticed that the two morning programs and the last evening program were the most attended.

The key topics of Praise, Silent Confession, Thanks, Intercession and Bathing Your Child in Prayer were dealt with exclusively in one session each. Various guest speakers introduced and explained the topics in a personal way.

The participants had the opportunity to listen, share thoughts and questions, and pray. At the end of each session various MIP materials were presented. Offering and knowing that these valuable tools are available to us is often neglected at informational and prayer meetings due to time constraints. These products were presented using a power point show, so that the participants could see what was being described and learn how to order them.

Here are a few condensed quotes from our **feedback questionnaire** (anonymous):

*„It was helpful to include time **for personal thoughts and questions**. The session was not only one-sided input from the guest speaker. The combination of **theory and practice** was also good. Next time, if possible, I'd like to see an additional session covering „Praying in One Accord“. At least during session I attended, I felt that this type of prayer was what really connected us.“ (a participant at the first session from 8 to 9 a.m. with the topic of Praise)*

*„My spontaneous reaction to the question, „What did you take away from this session?“ was that we need to ask God for forgiveness for the negative attitudes and behaviour we display towards our children (e.g., „the kids are annoying me“ or „I don't feel like dealing with them right now!“ In the second step of prayer, **Silent Confession**, we can take the time to do just that! God understands.“ (a participant at the second session from 9 to 10 a.m. with the topic of Silent Confession)*



*„Thank you for organizing this MIP Day! Here are my impressions: I was very impressed by the **combination of information exchange and prayer**. I was the only one participating by phone, but that didn't matter. Those with video capacity included me so that the discussions and prayers flowed well and we were all connected. It was a **precious time** for me.“ (a participant who joined the session by phone)*

*„The MIP Day was profitable to me because the basics were explained in a clear way and I was able to review and learn a lot. Like at a car inspection, all of the details of this prayer movement were covered. I am now better able to explain to other interested women who we are and what we do. Thank you for the opportunity to learn and pray together with other MIP ladies from all over the country. That was an **encouragement and a blessing!**“*

*„I very much enjoyed the two sessions I attended. It was a **time of enrichment** for me and I was curious what I would learn. After that day, my idea to start a MIP group was even stronger and I am excited to see what God has planned for me! You did a great job leading the sessions in a personal and well-organized way. Everyone felt included and had a chance to speak if they wanted to. Thank you again!“ (an interested mom)*

*„I thought you did a great job! Online training sessions are **a great tool**. I was also happy to see how many younger women took part! There is a lot of potential there! Every session I attended was worthwhile. For example, we were reminded that while praying, we should remember and declare that Jesus has already won the battle. We can use the Bathing Your Child in Prayer chart to pray very specifically for our child's needs! I will definitely use some of these **wonderful ideas** in the future! Keep up the good work and God will continue to bless and grow this ministry all over Germany!“ (a coordinator from the MIP Europe team)*

The next **Moms in Prayer Day - online** is planned for Monday, February 15, 2021. You will soon find details about the different sessions being offered on the MIP website. Ladies from all over Germany can take part. However, please understand that the number of participants is limited. After you register, you will receive a confirmation or a message that your name is on the waiting list.

Bettina Prestin

State Coordinator for Hamburg

Bathing your Child in Prayer

In a typical MIP meeting, we pray using the proven four steps of prayer: praise, confession, thanks and intercession.

Bathing your child in prayer is part of the fourth step, intercession.

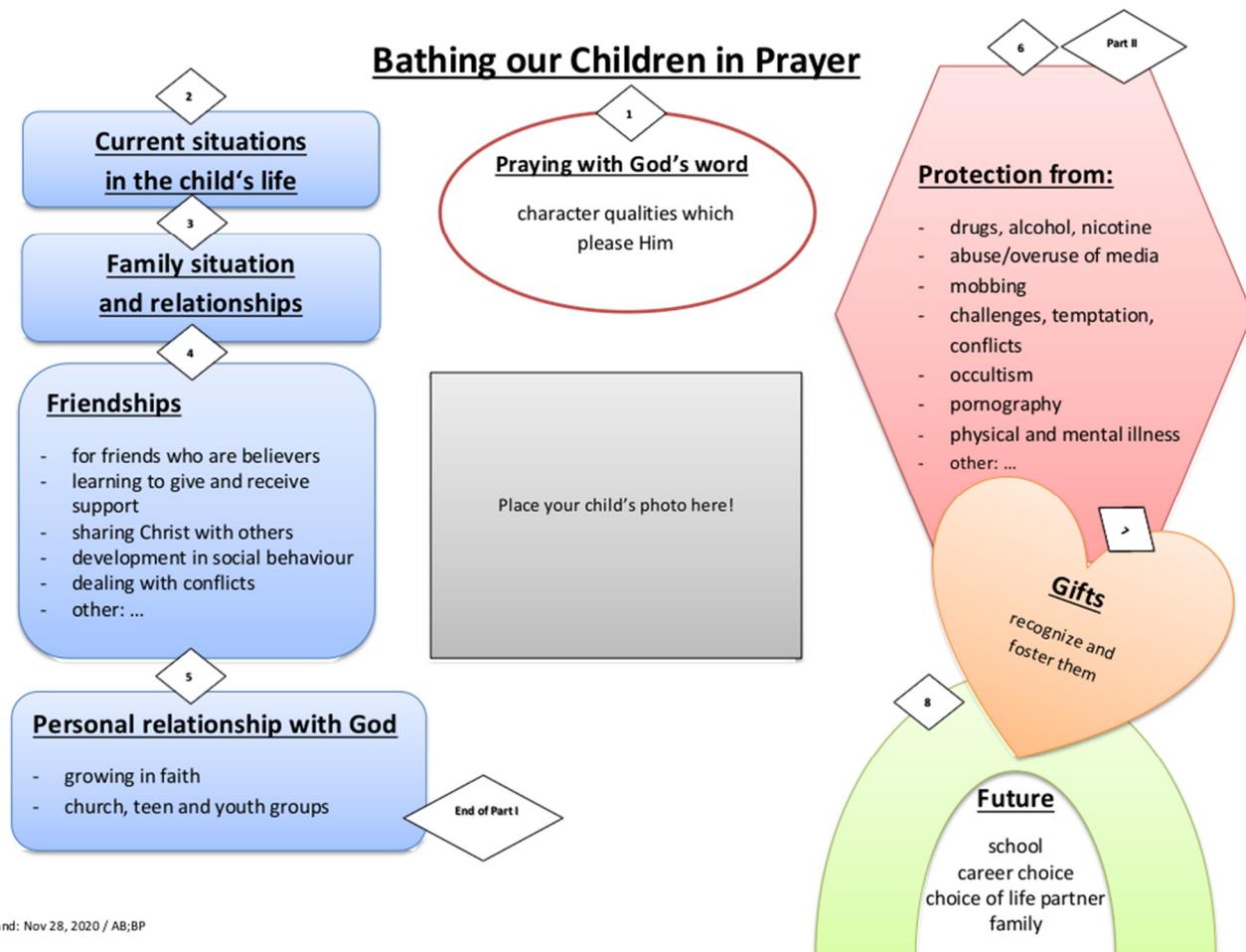
When we pray using God's word, we include our

own child's name in the Bible verse. In this way, we are proclaiming that truth over our child's life. It shows our trust in God. We believe he will bless our child with this character quality or truth. A simple prayer using a specific Bible verse is a valuable tool.

We can expand on this by "bathing" our child and covering him or her in prayer while naming various domains of life where he or she needs God's intervention, protection, or guidance.

During the MIP meeting, each mom usually chooses one of her children and uses the „bathing“ concept to thoroughly pray for that child's specific needs. The other women present, guided by the Holy Spirit, join with the child's mother and also lift that child to the Lord in prayer. We call this praying in one accord.

During this concentrated time of prayer, numerous areas of the child's present and future life are brought to the Lord. On pages 16 and 17 of the MIP brochure you will find some key words to assist you in bathing your child in prayer.



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