

Wall of Prayer



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Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,

As we begin to think about a new school year, I'm remembering a conversation I had with our son who was substitute teaching at the time. He couldn't believe all the issues teachers/staff deal with each day; issues that don't have anything to do with math, science or grammar. The matters of discipline, motivation, health, safety, relationships were all-consuming. Interruptions were constant. As I began to offer possible explanations, reasons, solutions, etc., he stopped me to say, "It's all in the home. Kids, who come from homes that are stable, with parents who care, are the students who succeed in education and succeed in life." The following individuals stress the further impact the family has on society.

- "As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." John Paul II
- "The strength of the nation derives from the integrity of the home " Chinese Proverb
- "The family is the nucleus of civilization." William Durant
- "The family is the most basic unit of government as the first community to which a person is attached and the first authority under which a person learns to live; the family establishes society's most basic values." Charles Colton

I'm asking, especially on Thursdays when we pray that students will submit to the authority over them, that God will have mercy on our Nation one family at a time. That through our fervent prayers, inspired by His Spirit, our student's father and mother would come to know the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior and be transformed by His mighty power...that the student's family would be "knit together in love, and attain to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Colossians 2:2b-3)

When we began this ministry we were overwhelmed by the enormity of the volumes of lives we were asking God to touch. I well remember His encouragement with the "fish and loaves" story. "Just give Me what you have, where you are; I'll turn a couple of fish and some bread into a feast to feed thousands!" We want the families represented by the students in our schools to be "blessed" [...to walk straight; to be successful; to guide; to lead; prosperity] as we see in Psalm 128:

"Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways.
When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy and it shall be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house; your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be blessed."

When we see the vast, sinful reality that surrounds us, we'll let Psalm 130 encourage us, "If you Lord should mark iniquities, O Lord who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared." We must, "hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is **mercy**, and with Him is **abundant redemption**. And He shall redeem us from all our iniquities." He is able! We must humble ourselves under His mighty hand, praying as we have been called, keeping the "Blessed Family" ever in our sites. Thank you for your continued faithfulness!

In Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan".

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