

Wall of Prayer



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Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,

This letter was written in 2003 in the earlier stages of the war in Iraq. The parallels drawn from this physical war to our very real spiritual war are ever true today:

“Over the past few weeks we have seen the reality of war as imbedded journalists have transported us right to the battlefield. Through the lens of “night vision” cameras we have seen combat invisible to the naked eye. Each time I’m allowed to “see” the bustle of activity hidden in a blanket of darkness, I think of the brief glimpse of the unseen armies of the Living God that Elisha and his servant were given. I am reminded that the spiritual armies that are with us in our prayers for our teens are greater than those that are with the enemy.¹ In an army there are many different positions and weapons. Many of you are on the front lines experiencing spiritual hand-to-hand combat on behalf of the teens for which we pray. Parents, teachers, coaches, nurses, and youth leaders use the weapons of excellent behavior, truth, and compassion to snatch our youth from the enemy’s clutches and lead them to new life in Christ. Our prayers plead for God’s hand to orchestrate these encounters.

Another video image I’ve seen from the front line was that of a soldier inside a tank whose sole job was to load the mortars into the firing chamber. Round after round he loaded, never seeing the target or firing the weapon (that was someone else’s duty), and never seeing the result of the blast. As this warrior continued in his assignment, so must we. While we most likely will never know the student for whom we are praying, our Commander knows exactly how to direct our prayers. When I think of the incoming missiles of false teaching, pornography, and temptation, I’m comforted by the truth that our prayers can be the Patriot missiles that intercept these disasters and frustrate Satan’s plans for our teens.

Finally, I’ve seen soldiers taking short stints of much needed rest from the intense heat of battle; in the shade of a “Hum V”, in a shallow foxhole, and some even spent the night in a palace! When our 4 children were toddlers, my husband would on occasion take them to Grandma’s house and take me to a hotel for a night away. The rest was such a treat, but it was never meant to be an extended stay or a permanent dwelling place. Who would be there for our children; who would protect them and fight their battles? The tragic story of David and Bathsheba began with a needed rest from battle. Yet, 2 Samuel 11:1 tells us that in the spring when kings went into battle, David stayed home. How different things could have been in his own life and in the life of his soldiers if he had gone to battle, as he should have.

¹ II Kings 6:17

“Lord, there is no one besides Thee to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O Lord our God, for we trust in Thee, and in Thy name have come against this multitude. O Lord, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee.” 2 Chr. 14:11

Recently, I received a call from a prayer warrior who, in a weak voice, asked me to find someone else to pray for her student. She shared that she had a terminal illness and that she would pray as long as she could, but that she wouldn't be here much longer. The next week two people told me that they had attended her funeral and that her Wall of Prayer materials gave evidence of her faithful prayers through her dying days. I've attended the funerals of three other such prayer warriors and these are the stories that inspire me the most. After moving from years of "hand to hand" combat, in their later life, these soldiers never "retired" from duty. They simply moved into another position in the battle. Round after round they fired and now they are in the very presence of our Commander in Chief. What a victory! Never give up!"

In Him,



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I know of many prayer warriors today in seasons of life where there is no "Grandmother" to take the "load" for the weekend and no elegant hotel room in which to take a rest. For our prayer partners, let's pray for strength, peace and rest that only God can give; some glimpse of the heavenly host that is surrounding us or the simply to feel a "blanket" of comfort that only the Holy Spirit of God can spread through.