

# Wall of Prayer

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Dear Faithful Prayer Warrior,

It is sobering to think of our country's future. Tomorrow's leaders have been reared in a world where heroes are the beautiful and wealthy and where happiness comes through "things" and appearances. A work ethic has not been fostered; honesty and integrity are only seen when authorities are watching. The possibility of "getting caught" is often the only deterrent to lying, cheating and stealing. Physical pleasures have gone beyond the bounds of morality and even sanity. God's place of preeminence has been replaced by idols of self absorption and pleasure.

Israel, God's chosen nation, went through very dark times and the few brilliant "lights" that shine in its history encourage and direct us as we pray. In II Chronicles 34 we read that eight-year-old Josiah became King in Judah following decades of wicked leadership. Idolatry and immorality was everywhere as God's people sacrificed children to the idols of Baal and frequented temple prostitutes. Sorcery and witchcraft were common; Solomon's temple was profaned by graven images.

"Surrounded by idolatry and a corrupt religious establishment, sixteen-year-old Josiah went against the evil tide swirling around him and the nation—everything he had ever known—and began to 'seek the God of his father David.' King David had been dead for hundreds of years, but Josiah somehow yearned for the spiritual paths of the king who had a 'heart after God's own heart.'"<sup>1</sup>

As his heart grew more sensitive and tender he began to purge the land of the wicked idols - "beating them to dust." Everything associated with pagan worship was destroyed. When he was 26, he turned to cleansing and restoring the temple. As the rubble was removed, "a book" was found and Josiah's heart was seared as the convicting holy scriptures were read. Not since the days of Samuel had the Passover celebration been observed as it was in that day.

Bless you for pouring out your heart for our teens every day. God is watching and He is listening. Though our teens are surrounded by evil and corruption, continually pray that someday, somehow they will begin to seek the God of our fathers. Pray that someday they will find His holy scriptures and that their hearts would be seared with the reality of God's holiness and our great sin...and of Jesus' cleansing blood. Young Josiah's courageous life changed the course of Judah's history. The student you for whom you pray may very well be our modern day Josiah. Never give up!

In Him,

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

Susan Admire

This is a reprint of a previous Wall of Prayer prayer guide. Thank you for your faithful prayers!

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<sup>1</sup> Jim Cymbala, The Life God Blesses. Pg. 117-126.