

Building Strong Groups

GRASSROOTS PRAYER MOVEMENT

- One mom telling another mom. It is casting the vision one to one, over and over and over.
- The vision will be cast if you have **strong groups**.
- Your members are your greatest outreachers.
- If they are being changed spiritually by being in the group, they will share.

HOW TO HAVE STRONG GROUPS

1. **The leader is well-trained.** She prays using the four steps of prayer in one accord throughout the hour. She is prepared. (Partially filled-out member sheets are on our Moms in Prayer website.) A well-trained leader will be confident and excited about the privilege of discipling her women in how to pray effectively and powerfully. Her members will invite others to the group. They will also cast the vision to other women she knows, challenging them to join or start Moms in Prayer groups for other schools. Multiplication will happen.
2. **The leader is enthusiastic.** She does not see this hour as a burden, but life-changing for herself and her women. She knows that prayer works and that there is great power released in corporate prayer. There is a prayer principle in Deuteronomy 32:30 that speaks of one sending a thousand to flight, and two sending ten thousand to flight. Who wouldn't want to pray with another mom if your prayers are 10 times stronger? This is the best decision for how you spend an hour of your life.
3. **The leader is committed.** She will lead when she feels like it and when she doesn't. She knows God will bless her obedience. She is committed to be ready with her prayer sheet, and committed to pray for the women in her group.
4. **The leader leads out of a cleansed heart.** She is not perfect, but forgiven.
5. **The leader is habitually having a quiet time.** She is intentional about setting aside time to spend with Jesus, keeping Him as her first love. She is modeling Jesus to her women. She cannot take her women any deeper into believing prayer, than how far she has gone. As the leader goes, so goes the group! She is actually leading out of her personal walk with the Lord.
6. **The leader is establishing a sense of community.** Women want to belong. They want a place where they feel safe, loved and accepted with no condemnation.
7. **The leader leads with integrity.**
 - She always starts and ends on time.
 - She leads by praying the requests and thanksgivings, rather than sharing them first.
 - She encourages her members to come early or stay afterward if they desire more fellowship time.
 - She is committed to be there every week.
 - She always stresses confidentiality.
8. **The group will be sustainable and the leader will be intentional to replace herself before she moves on.** We love hearing stories of moms who started praying in a Moms in Prayer group when their children were in elementary school, and then passed the baton of leadership on to another mom while they moved on to pray for the middle school, the high school, the college,

career and grandmothers groups. Some groups have continued for more than 20 years. Imagine the many answered prayers for that school!

9. The leader keeps the worldwide vision of Moms in Prayer before her women.

Their group is part of thousands and thousands of moms praying together around the world. Be sure to visit the website (www.MomsInPrayer.org). Women want to be part of a God-blessed discipleship, multiplication ministry. They want to be part of a movement where there is harvest and revival. They want to be part of an eternal investment in the lives of children and school throughout the world.

10. The leader will attend her leadership gatherings. She will be empowered, encouraged, equipped as well as receive important updates and information.

WHAT ARE THE RESULTS/BENEFITS OF A STRONG GROUP?

1. The women will experience answers to prayer.
2. The women will grow in their faith and their relationship with Christ.
3. The women will sense/know that King Jesus showed up right in the midst of their group, agreeing with one another and Jesus according to His will and His Word.
4. The women will be committed. Who would want to miss this powerful, effective prayer hour? They will learn to love the discipline/structure of the hour. They will know they will pray and not talk.
5. The women in your group will become your greatest outreachers!

EXPECT HARVEST!

1. Live in an attitude of expectancy of great harvest: salvation/revival at your school; every school covered in prayer.
2. Pray for abundance - double blessing.

"...even now (today) I announce that I will restore twice as much (double) to you."

Zechariah 9:12

double the number of schools being prayed for

double the number of members in your group

double the leadership (coordinators)

double the opportunities to speak about Moms in Prayer at Mothers of Preschoolers; churches, Bible studies, neighbors, etc.

3. Don't give up. From Acts 20:22, Pray *that you will be bound (compelled, driven) by the Holy Spirit out of a deep sense of duty toward the Master who called you to serve in this ministry despite any obstacles. There's a harvest of souls to be reaped.*

4. Don't Doubt!! BELIEVE GOD IS WORKING – *"For we walk by faith not by sight."*

II Corinthians 5:7

5. Our prayer for you is, *"Oh, LORD Most High, crown the year with a bountiful harvest in _____; may even the hard pathways overflow with abundance."*

From Psalm 65:11

Your field might not look like much to the untrained eye...

But hidden under the snows of winter there's potential.

Great things can happen. Barren ground can become a fertile field.

Today's frozen ground holds tomorrow's harvest!

Putting energy into frozen, empty soil is not a waste of time.

Just because there's no evidence of life right now, doesn't mean there never could be.

It doesn't mean there won't be...There's potential in the unseen!

But before the harvest there is work to be done. There are seeds to be planted, fertilizer

to be applied, weeds to be wiped out and prayer to be prayed.

It takes time and a whole lot of hard work.

Come harvest time, IT'S ALL WORTH IT!!

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