



Women's Neighborhood Prayer International
and
Women's Marketplace Prayer International



"Notes and Quotes"

Fall 2007

ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

For ten years we have considered it a privilege to join forces with other prayer ministries in our city such as City Reachers, Missionaries with the Vision, City-wide Women's Prayer, and with numerous church prayer groups and evangelical ministries who all cry out to God for our city and nation. We all network to further God's Kingdom and invite Jesus to take up residence in our city and beyond – knowing that the prayers of God's people will change the moral and spiritual climate of our world – cities transformed for Christ through transformed lives.

The desire of our hearts is for the women in the San Antonio area and beyond to catch the vision of what God can do through united prayer. There is no "formula" for revival - for the church to awaken and unbelievers to come to Christ, but history confirms that there has never been a spiritual awakening or revival without Christians uniting in concerted, focused and fervent prayer.

I praise God for the women in the WNP and WMP who diligently and faithfully come together once a month to join their hearts in prayer for their city and nation. These women don't necessarily have time to do it. They make time to do it – believing that authentic and unending revival will take place in our day. Many of the women in WNP have made it a priority for ten years!

Women's Neighborhood Prayer International entered its 10th year in May, and we are now transitioning to the name of *Women's Prayer International* – *"From the Neighborhoods to the Nations and From the Workplace to the World – Transforming Our Cities for Christ through United Prayer."* We hope that you will make every effort to attend our 10th Year Anniversary Dinner on Friday, November 2nd (please refer to the enclosed flyer). It would be such a joy to see you there to celebrate with us the faithfulness of our Lord in the present, past and future of the ministry – *unto His glory.*

Joan Bond, President

UNITED PRAYER FOR
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 2007
EVENTS AND LEADERS
(EVANGELISM, PRAYER,
& RECONCILIATION
CITYWIDE EVENTS)

"They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the excellency of our God.
And the name of the city from that day
shall be: The Lord Is There."
Isaiah 35:2; Ezekiel 48:35

Every Friday from 11:00 AM – 12:00
WNP/WMP corporate office
104 Ivywood Circle
210-349-PRAY (7729)



**A Labor of Love with
a Servant's Heart**
Summer Cleaning of
Our Headquarters

From Left to Right: Back
Row - Weldine Dossett,
Mary McDonald,
Barbara Schramek,
Mary Ann Turner.
Front Row - Char An
Witten, Verda Meyer,
Kara Brown.
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PRAISES TO GOD, WHO HEARS AND ANSWERS THE PRAYERS OF "ALL" HIS CHILDREN

Women's Neighborhood Prayer and Marketplace Prayer International's format of prayer includes the main topics which effect not only the "here and now" but the destiny of the world that we will pass on to our children and grandchildren. We asked some of our sisters and brothers in the Lord to share a praise for an answer to prayer concerning one or more of the topics for which we pray specifically. Rejoice with us as you read these praises here and the following pages.

A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST THAT BEGINS IN EACH OF US

I have seen a general deep conviction of the Holy Spirit in the lives of many believers across the body of Christ concerning the fact that they are not too busy to properly seek the Lord and to serve Him as they should. For a long time I heard believers say things like this: "My schedule is so full that I don't have time to read my Bible and to pray like I know I should. There is just not enough time in my day to do those things and there is nothing I can do about it right now. It takes all that both of us can do just to make ends meet and to keep our family together."

Now I am beginning to hear believers express a serious conviction of the Holy Spirit as they confess that they have been too busy to serve the Lord as they should. Now they are making statements like this: "I know that I now need to reprioritize my life. It is not worth it to be so busy that I no longer have time for God. I am ready to make some major adjustments in my life style in order to get back on track with God."

Everywhere I go I hear the same thing, "Christians in America are too busy to serve the Lord." There is now a realization, particularly among Christian leaders, that this condition is sin and that it must be changed for us to go forward in the kingdom of God. I believe that this realization and conviction of heart is a result of prayer. **PASTOR DON DANIEL, PRESIDENT OF THE SAN ANTONIO ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES**

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

"Nothing makes us as bold in prayer as when we can look into the eye of God and say to Him, 'Thou knowest that I am not praying for personal advantage nor to avoid hardship, nor that my own will in any way should be done; but only for this, that Thy name might be glorified ...' We have to leave it to Him to decide what will best serve to glorify His name."

From PRAYER by O. Hallesby, 1931

Promise Keepers' San Antonio Conference – July 13-14, 2007

"The Winds of Revival are Blowing"

Promise Keepers' (PK) Mission is to ignite and unite men to become passionate followers of Jesus Christ through the effective communication of seven promises to God, their fellow men, family, church, and the world. Promise Keepers' vision is simply put in three words: "Men Transformed Worldwide." Promise Keepers held seven conferences this year. Hundreds of men, women and youth ages 13 and older volunteered to make each Promise Keepers Conference possible. San Antonio was the second scheduled conference.

The River City opened its banks to thousands of men from around Texas and the Southwest on July 13-14, 2007. Promise Keepers' third visit to San Antonio was met by **more than 6000 men** at the AT & T Center. The San Antonio men's conference was a global event via the world wide web. Viewers logged on to the **web cast** in more than 20 states and the Middle East.

Joan Bond, Prayer Coordinator/Manager and the Prayer Team did an excellent job in the Prayer Room and Prayer Booth. Her prayer team from churches across San Antonio covered the conference in prayer months in advance, plus during and after the conference. Promise Keepers acknowledges that without the prayers of the saints, PK would not exist. Corporate intercession became a spiritual defiance to darkness as they agreed with the prayers of Jesus who is the light (Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25). The Prayer Team set an atmosphere, for the presence of the Lord, to hear what God was saying, and then acted on what the Holy Spirit was saying.

Integrity Music's **PK7** provided the live soundtrack for the weekend. Throughout the event, men and boys gathered at the front of the stage for an up-tempo celebration of their faith. **PK statistics show that in our 2007 Conferences, San Antonio had the most decision cards turned in at the altar on Friday night – 724 total. Praise the Lord! We are praying that these men will truly make a difference in God's Kingdom.** Promise Keepers is grateful for your prayers. We serve an awesome God! San Antonio, as well as the other conference cities, will never be the same. Praise the Lord!

**Rose Opp, PK Strategic Prayer Manager
Denver, Colorado**

ANSWER TO PRAYING FOR SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Texas Adopts Faith in Schools! Academic Bible Classes in Public Schools - House Bill 1287 Passed 5/7/2007 requires all school districts in the state to establish "elective courses in the history and literature of the Old and New Testament eras." It also requires the use of those two books as texts. **Religious Expression in Public Schools - House Bill 3678 Effective 6/8/2007** United States Supreme Court ruled religious discussions in schools legal. Protection for religious expression in class assignments, freedom to organize religious groups and activities and speak freely religious viewpoint. **Texas Pledge - House Bill 1034 Effective 6/15/2007** Along with the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and a Moment of Silence, "One State Under God" was added to the Texas Pledge, now part of a required morning ritual in Texas Public Schools. **DR. CHERYL A. WASHINGTON, FOUNDER CEO, SHEKINAH LEARNING INSTITUTE**

ANSWER TO PRAYING FOR SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Asking God's safety over students, staff and administration is a standard prayer topic for the Women's Marketplace Prayer group that meets in the Harlandale Independent School District. Those prayers were answered in a vivid, obvious way in January 2006. That was the day an armed intruder entered an elementary campus. On the run from a neighborhood altercation, the nervous looking man told an administrator that he needed to get rid of his gun. He placed it in a trash can but seemed to panic when he noticed staff members gathering in the office waiting area. When he moved toward the trash can the female principal scuffled with him. She tackled the man, pinning him down until campus and city police arrived.

Our group makes sure that the school year begins with prayer. On August 23, '07 a diverse group of teachers, librarians, secretaries and custodians gathered at the administration building after working hours. As they've done in past years, prayers were brought before God's throne for the community's protection and provision; for educators' guidance and wisdom; for godly men and women to stand in the gap, serving as watchmen on the walls. **PEGGY WEST, SUPERINTENDENT ASSISTANT, HARLENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, WMP PRAYER GUIDE**

ANSWER FOR PRAYING FOR CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS

Donna Frost was leading a parenting class for clothes closet clients, and only one lady showed up that day. After reading the client's Bible study notes, Donna sensed the young woman did not have a personal relationship with Jesus, so she led her through the salvation plan using the Four Spiritual Laws tract, and the client prayed to receive Christ as her Savior. Shary, one of our counselors, had a client make an abstinence pledge today after explaining to her God's plan for sexual purity and protection. We covet the fervent prayers of God's people, as we lean on Him for His guidance each day. **SARAH STONE, DIRECTOR, PREGNANCY CARE CENTER**

ANSWER TO PERSONAL PRAYER - TRUSTING GOD

My trust in God was recently tested when my 23-year-old daughter announced that she had the opportunity to go with a team to Chad, Africa and interview refugees from Darfur. Those in my WNP group had prayed with me for quite some time for God to open and close doors of opportunity for her, so I knew this was a door God had opened. From the time she left until the time she came back a month later, God's peace surrounded me. Many people have said that they admire my faith as my daughter went off in this dangerous part of Africa. I tell them it was not me but God keeping me in His perfect peace in answer to many prayers. This was a faith adventure for her as she experienced God's provision for the team in answer to her prayers. It is exciting to see God work in our lives and it is prayer that opens our eyes to His work. **CHRISSE SMITH, WNP PRAYER MEMBER**

“From the Neighborhoods to the Nations and From the Workplace to the World – Transforming Our Cities for Christ through United Prayer” We are a non-profit 501 (3) (c) servant prayer ministry – encouraging and equipping women to unite as sisters in Christ to pray for the transformation of *their* city and nation for Christ. Please make every attempt to attend our 10th Year Anniversary Dinner on Friday, November 2, 2007, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and bring your Pastor, friends, and spouse! Please send your check marked as Dinner and names of guests in the enclosed envelope.

ANSWER FOR PRAYING FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

It is without a doubt that the recent decision of the Supreme Court upholding the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Statute, which for the first time banned an abortion procedure is an answer to prayer. It is without a doubt that the decision making it harder for regulations against abortion to be challenged by abortionists is an answer to prayer. It is without a doubt that the decision recognizing that abortion hurts women is an answer to prayer. The fact that we have new Supreme Court Justices Alito and Roberts that are pro-life is an answer to prayer.

It is simply a miracle IN RESPONSE TO PRAYER, that the Justice Foundation's name was mentioned in the opinion at all.

It is also a miracle that our brief was the **only brief** cited by the Court among 50 or so by all the "major" pro life organizations. In fact only prayer could have done it, we called for prayer and fasting here at the Justice Foundation before we decided to do the brief.

Finally, it is a miracle, IN RESPONSE TO PRAYER that we have been able to even exist for the last 14 years. We have literally "prayed in the money" for years, the **Foundation has no endowment or government support** we exist on the free will offerings of our contributors. God sends people that graciously support our work. For that we are deeply grateful. For all of the above, we PRAISE THE LORD! **CLAYTON TROTTER, GENERAL COUNSEL, THE JUSTICE FOUNDATION**

ANSWER TO PERSONAL PRAYER LEADING TO SALVATION

We had to paint the fence around our house four times because of the graffiti painted on it, and eventually we had to replace the fence. Once again, we awakened to find our new fence covered with the most obscene words and symbols imaginable. I requested prayer from our WNP group; and some of the WNP members walked the grounds of our house, prayed God's victory over this menace, and prayed for the ones responsible. Our WNP group brought this concern to the Lord many times, praying that this would not happen again.

Three years passed with no further incidents. However, the WNP group never stopped praying. One day the doorbell rang and Soapy, my husband, answered the door and was brought to tears when the young man standing there said, "I have just come to know the Lord and I need to tell you that I am the one who painted and vandalized your fence many times. Would you please forgive me for what I did to your property? I would like to pay you for the fence."

Soapy hugged the young man and refused any payment. Seeing the power of God through prayer and visiting with him as a fellow believer was all the pay Soapy needed. We were so touched and humbled by the faithfulness of God and by the persistent prayers of our dear sisters in Christ in WNP who never ceased praying for us. **SUZANNE DOLLAR, THE BIBLE LIVE, WNP/WMP ADVISORY BOARD AND PRAYER MEMBER**