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Army Retired Lieutenant Colonel Wilton Ransom, who is currently serving in Huntsville, AL, schools, is pictured above.

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by Cheryl Cook

It is time for children and young adults to head back to school. It is a great time to reset schedules and plan for the outside activities in which your children may be involved. They may attend public/private school, or they may be learning by means of home education. Every single form requires us to change our family's plans and patterns.

The good news in all this is we can request that God lead us every single day. You will find some encouragement for your home life during the school year in this pamphlet. What and how our children are learning is extremely important to the Lord. Our hearts as a ministry this year have been turned toward the need for revival in our schools. This is just one of many ways that we will engage our faith and put it to work for the plans that God has for His children.

Enjoy the articles and encouragements. Additionally, join us this year as you can while we pray for everything in schools (parents, school boards, administrators, bus drivers, curriculum, programs, and much more).

Have You Ever Heard About **Mom's In Prayer International?**

As we prayed about God's plans for our children in terms of their education more than twenty-five years ago, I perceived the Holy Spirit nudging me toward starting a prayer group for the elementary school located in our neighborhood. I panicked because I did not know what a prayer group would look like at that point, or ways to coordinate one. (How wonderfully the Lord teaches us!) However, I learned through an online source, by God's great grace, about a group called Moms in Touch, which is currently known as Moms in Prayer International.

I spent one year with some great mothers in my neighborhood, praying for the school district which my daughter attended for kindergarten. What is the Lord leading you as parents, to do with your children? Moreover, with whom can you partner in prayer for the school, home education, or college they may be attending this year?

The following is a testimony from Lynette Taylor, Great Lakes Division Coordinator, who directs Moms in Prayer for Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

In 1994 I was a young mother of three boys and pregnant with my fourth, when my mom bought me the Moms in Prayer Booklet. I was in a stage of life where I would have protected my children from everything if I could, but I quickly discovered that was impossible. As I started praying in a Moms in Prayer group, my relationship with the Lord began to take shape. I went from knowing about Him, to really trusting Him, His name, and His character. Praying together with other moms not only taught me how to pray, but how to let go of all I wanted to control and to trust God... His word, His work, His provision, and His plans.

(This testimony was shared by permission of Moms in Prayer International 2022)

**You can learn more about Moms in Prayer International by going to their website at www.momsinprayer.org. You can search for a prayer group in your area, or consider joining one. Grandmothers are also involved in groups and in prayer.

The Pronouncing of Blessings

by Elder Jeff Cook

We can bless someone a few different ways. To mention a few, we can pronounce a blessing over them or pray a blessing for them. However, when we pronounce a blessing over someone, we're earnestly asking God to grant them our prayer request.

We're pronouncing or speaking it into the atmosphere, and we're co-signing it in Jesus' name. When we bless someone in Jesus' name, God takes notice. In the Old Testament, Jacob pronounced a blessing on Joseph's boys, Ephraim and Manasseh. Often, a blessing pronouncement is followed by a laying on of hands, as Jacob did to his grandson.

As fathers, we should not only pray a blessing over our children, but we should also pronounce a blessing over our children. We want God to bless them as they go out and come in. We want the favor of God to follow them and go before them wherever they go. We want them to be in good health, be prosperous, love all men, and help those in need. They should be givers, not takers—that they are the lender, not the borrower.

And most of all, we pray their relationship with Jesus Christ is first in their life, and they would love what He loves and hate what He hates. We pronounce their days on this earth will be long, and their lights would shine before men, that they may see their good works and glorify our Father, which is in heaven.

We pray everything they put their hands to in Jesus' name will be given to them for His glory. This is how I pronounce a blessing over my children. Be blessed!



Ways to Stay Engaged

Set aside a time for family devotion. | **Share dinner** together to provide a chance to discuss the school day.

Seek God, listen for His direction, and follow His lead when struggles come. | **Volunteer at the school**, which is a great way to shine bright.

Start each day with prayer! | **Continue learning new things** right alongside your children.

Prayer Update

We have started praying for parents, schools, teachers, administrators, school boards, bus drivers, and many more individuals with the new school year recently beginning. May this year be filled with all that God has purposed.

You can pray with us this year—for fifteen minutes—on the first day of each month. Please make certain to mark your calendars for the first of every month! Call in to **727-731-4076** at **7:30 a.m. Eastern time beginning on September 1 and continue through May 1.**

Any changes to the schedule will be emailed. Be sure that you are included on our list of email addresses.

You may reach us at heavenlycmin@heavenlycmin.org Join us as you can. We are praying to the LORD for revival in our schools and colleges.

