

THE DEMONSTRATED NEED

This is only a partial list of incidences in public schools:

1927 - Bath, Michigan; 45 killed, mostly 2-6 graders (a bomb)

1959 - Poe Elementary, Houston, Texas; 4 killed, 2 students, custodian, teacher

1989 - Cleveland Elementary, Stockton, California; 5 students killed

1995 - Richland High School, Lynnville, Tennessee; 2 killed, 1 student, 1 teacher

1997 - Pearl High School, Pearl, Mississippi; 2 killed, 7 wounded

1997 - Heath High School, West Paducah, Kentucky; 3 killed, 5 wounded

1998 - Jonesboro, Arkansas; 5 killed, 4 students, 1 teacher, 5 wounded

And then there was:

1999 - Columbine High School, Littleton, Colorado; 12 killed, 24 wounded

2005 - Red Lake High School, Red Lake, Minnesota; 7 killed, 7 wounded

2006 - Amish School, Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania; 5 girls killed

2006 - Platte Canyon High School, Bailey, Colorado; 1 killed

2007 - Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia; 32 killed

2012 - Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown, Connecticut, 20 students, 6 staff

THE PRAYER

Father God, we come before Your throne of grace, in the name of Jesus, on behalf of our children. We pray for them and we pray for the schools that they attend. As we put our feet on the ground of their school, we say that where we put our feet, the land belongs to us and not to intruders that would come to do harm to our children. We stand firm in faith knowing that You, O Lord, hear our cry. Father God, You have all authority in the earthly and heavenly realms and You have given us power and authority over the earthly realm. We choose to walk in that authority today, putting on the whole armor of God so that we might stand firm against the tactics and attacks of the enemy that would come to harm our children. We declare this day, it shall not be! We forbid all entities that are of our enemy, satan, from this school, this property, the children, the staff and the administration. We stand against every terrorist plan and strategy that would be devised against this school and those that are here on a daily basis. Now Lord, we ask that from this day forward, You Lord God be a wall of fire around this school and its property and that You be the glory within it by Your divine presence. And Father, we pray that You keep the children of this school as the apple of Your eye. Hide them under the shadow of Your wing. Keep them from the wicked, from deadly enemies who would want to harm them. Confuse the enemy that is lurking in dark, secret places and deliver our children from the secret snares of the enemy. Let everything in this nation that is being hidden in darkness brought to light so our children are safe and protected. We thank You for watching over our children with Your eye and with Your angels. In Jesus name, AMEN!

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this brochure is to inform and to equip individuals to be on the **ALERT** for the safety of our children, especially as they attend school at whatever level of learning. The Bible tells us in I Peter 5:8-9a, “Be self controlled, and alert. Your enemy prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm...”

IT'S ABOUT THE CHILDREN

Children everywhere have a special place in the heart of God. Jesus says in Matthew 19:14 and Mark 10:14, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” He then takes the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blesses them. Also in Matthew 18:5, Jesus says “whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around is neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.” Children represent the soul of a nation. If you want to see the real heart of a nation, look at the children of that nation. It is time to arise and protect the soul of our nation, our children.

THE STRATEGY

It has been said that all it takes for evil to triumph is for good men (and women) to do nothing. Doing nothing assures the enemy's success. Preparedness in prayer is the first line of defense against those that desire to hurt our children. As believers we have been given the same authority that Jesus had when he was walking the earth. In Matthew 28:18-19, Jesus says, “all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, (you) Go...” As parents, grandparents, simply good people, we must go and stand firm for the safety of children while attending school. Joshua 14:9 gives us a picture of our feet walking the land that becomes an inheritance for us and our children.

By following that Biblical principle, as we walk the perimeters of our schools, that land and all that is on it is our place of authority where we stand firm against plots and plans of those who desire to harm our children, teachers, administrators, etc.

It is important to understand that as we take our stand, we are not fighting against flesh and blood but against rulers, against authorities, against the power of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12) Therefore, we are to put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, we are able to stand our ground, and after we have done everything, to stand. (Ephesians 6:13)

It is neither by our might nor our power but by the power of Holy Spirit released from our confessions and declarations as we walk the ground around our schools and pray using the prayer on the back of this brochure. The Lord says in Zechariah 2:5 that He Himself will be a wall of fire around and He will be the glory within. A wall of fire speaks of divine protection while the glory speaks of His presence. Our schools and our children need the Lord's divine protection and His presence!

Psalm 18:2-3 (NASB): The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies.

Psalm 27:1-3 (NASB): The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, In spite of this I shall be confident.

Psalm 91:5-7 (NASB): You will not be afraid of the terror by night, Or of the arrow that flies by day; Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not approach you.