

Mostly Personal ... Prayer

Loved ones,
Remember what Dick Eastman said: " Some things happen when I pray that do not happen if I do not pray. Therefore if I do not pray, then something in my life or the lives of those I love goes undone." With that in mind, let's be diligent to pray for our children!

Thirty Days of Prayer for our Schools, Students, and Teachers

29. Sunday, August 31

Lord God, one of your names is Jehovah-Jireh. You are the Lord whose provision shall be seen. I ask you to provide the physical needs of every family represented in our schools. Bless them financially so that proper clothing, proper nutrition, and safe housing are never a problem for any of them. We ask for every neighborhood to release toward their schools an attitude of generosity and giving of time, talent, and treasure. Help every church in our city to lead the way in partnering with our schools to make them all Blue Ribbon centers of education! In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen!

30. Monday, September 1

Father, most of the families in our area are yet to learn the power of forgiveness. May our children learn to forgive when conflicts occur so that bitterness and hate do not set in. Teach parents and teachers alike the power of total forgiveness. We thank you for the forgiveness you have shown to each of us by your death on the Cross. Jesus taught us to forgive others just as you have forgiven us. May we all walk in the liberation of forgiveness that destroys hate, racism, and class warfare. We pray against judgmentalism, suspicion, racism, and fear. We ask for divine grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Father of life...there has been a terrible blight in our land that has affected at least two generations of our children. It is the sin of abortion. Recent statistics have told us that as of December of last year, 55.7 million babies have died at the hands of abortionists.

According to the American Life League, in America in 2013:

1 baby is killed every 26 seconds
9 babies are killed every 4 minutes
137 babies are killed every hour
3,288 are killed every day
1,200,000 are killed every year.

Some of us have been guilty because of what we did. Some of us are guilty because of what we failed to do. All of us rejoice in the forgiveness that is ours through Christ. We pray for the victims of abortion. Not just the babies, but the parents, many of whom are still haunted by decisions of the past. Lord God, forgive the sin of our land and bring us again to a place of safety for the unborn. Teach us again to love life and to turn from this great evil. We ask for the enlightening work of your Spirit to heal our blindness, and to turn us back to you. In Jesus' Mighty Name, Amen!

I love you,
Pastor Stephen