



Special Prayer Emphasis – EDUCATION MOUNTAIN

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Prayer point number seven speaks of praying over the seven mountains of cultural influence: **Government, Education, Business, Media, Arts/Entertainment, Family and Religion** (worship atmosphere).

As if school starting this week wouldn't be enough of a reminder, the Lord put on my heart two weeks ago, and ever since, that the special thrust of our prayers during our prayer time needs to be over the mountain of influence that our education system provides to students, parents, business, government and all over the rest of the community. In fact, all seven mountains can be summed up in three key mountains:

Government, Education and Business. Most people skilled at city reaching would agree that these three are the most fundamental to reaching a city and impacting it with the truth of God's Kingdom.

It is the education system that impacts the other two simultaneously. The school system is a governmental body, formed to legislate school policies that bring knowledge to students and there is a hierarchy of a top down approach, yet it can be influenced by the bottom up as parents, students and communities rise to support or tear down; to curse or to bless. We choose to support and bless through prayer, as the first part of our strategy. When students are being won to Christ and entire schools are experiencing revival, like homework, they'll bring it home with them to their family; moms and dads will then take that flame to the market place—revival is viral marketing at its best—it cannot be contained once it starts, it just spreads.

Specifically, pray in the following manner for:

1. God's government to be established over the school system in Lee County; public, private, charter, colleges and universities and vocational schools as well.
2. As in Luke 10, pray for peace to be over the entire school system and pray for the Kingdom of God to come near the school system today and every day.
3. Pray for the leadership of the schools; boards, administrators, principals, teachers students and parents to be impacted by the Spirit of God and for His purposes to be revealed in their hearts.
4. Invite God back into our schools; say, individually and collectively, "We want you back in our schools Lord". We believe He will not go where He is not invited, extend the invitation through prayer, first.
5. Pray for the Church of Lee County to awaken and reach back to a generation behind us and pull them forward, to be young and Kingdom minded believers that are efficient and effective ambassadors for Christ in their schools.
6. Pray against pestilence reaching our schools in the Swine Flu Virus; let our schools be a safe refuge that no disease is allowed in.
7. Pray for the R.E.D. Conference that kicks off on the Saturday (19th of September) when Pray Lee County ends. It is no coincidence that the Lord determined to meet with students at the end of our prayer time. Students are being drawn from



multiple counties surrounding Lee County to attend this event. Let us have thousands of students (**Radically Engaged Disciples**) at that conference to take the Kingdom principles back into the school system; and pray for the funding to be able to pull it off with excellence.

Elementary to College, there are over **110,000 students in Lee County**, a significant people group to reach within our own city walls, our Jerusalem. Now, catch the vision of the Lord; within those students, **159 countries with 98 different languages are represented**-sounds like downtown Jerusalem to me. We are told to **disciple nations, the nations are at our front door** and we will have an impact on nations by impacting the city and region that God has given us.

Finally, pray for the Lord to continue refining the strategies He is giving us for "next things". We want desperately to be aligned with His strategy for reaching the city. There are many good ideas that could be the enemy of His great ideas and plans He has for us. To bring about His excellence in our community, **we must be about the Father's business in an excellent manner.**

You are part of a world impact team, hundreds of churches and thousands of people praying in humility and repentance for God to turn His face in our direction. The tide is turning, testimonies are trickling in - it's time for the flood of the River of God to begin to move rapidly through our communities, **please record and send in your testimonies - this is food for the body, logs on a growing flame.** There is nothing trivial about someone being touched by God, let us know the stories of our Lord so we can encourage others through your experience.

Be blessed in your great adventure with God, His Son and the Holy Spirit through your prayer times.

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