

SOMO Prayer Network

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." — James 5:16 (NLT)

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Following is a message from Dr. James Dobson about the importance of fighting for our God-given rights. I felt impressed to share it with you. ~ Cindy

Dear Friends,

I would like to tell you about an experience Shirley and I had while visiting the cultural centers of Europe about 20 years ago. One of the cities that we toured was Berlin, Germany. I have been fascinated since I was a child with World War II and what made the adults around me so fearful. I have wondered in the ensuing years how highly educated and intelligent Germans could have been so corrupted and deceived by the propaganda that laid the foundation for tyranny. It is still difficult to comprehend how so many Christian churches with their good people fell prey to the lies screamed by Adolf Hitler and his evil

cohorts. Even before he revealed his murderous intentions, they stood with their arms and hands extended, cheering rabidly for a man who was to become one of the most ruthless dictators in world history.

I searched for an understanding of the processes that led to torchlight parades, book burning, racial hatred, mass killings of Jews, Gypsies, Poles, homosexuals and pitifully disabled and mentally ill people. Though most Germans didn't know about the extermination camps, the majority favored his preparations for war. Many books have been written on that subject, but I needed to see it for myself. I found an explanation, at least partially, on the streets of Berlin.

One morning, I paid a small fee to be included in a "walk-about" tour of the important buildings and sites from

the Nazi era. An articulate professor led our group and recounted what happened before and during the war. I was taking notes furiously as he spoke. First, we stood outside Herman Goring's headquarters. He was second in command after Hitler. Then we walked past Goebbel's propaganda ministry from which he spread lies and "fake news" during the 1930s and 1940s. Our group then stopped outside Gestapo headquarters where so many people were tortured and murdered for daring to oppose the regime. Demons seemed to leer from the windows and rooftops. The tour ended at the parking lot that now sits over the bunkers where Hitler spent his last days and eventually committed suicide with his wife of less than 40 hours, Eva Braun. Most of the city was demolished by Allied bombing, but these historic locations remain intact because they were reinforced by steel and concrete.

The tour lasted two hours, during which I learned how the Nazis managed to enslave the German people and then molded them into a force that devastated and conquered almost every country in Europe. Millions of people around the world held their breath as destiny hung in the balance ...

Read the rest of this powerful and timely message from Dr. Dobson online at <https://drjamesdobson.org/news/commentaries/archives/2018/august-newsletter-2018>.

Monthly Prayer Focuses

Pray for Our Education System

With school back in session, our first focus is to pray for students and those involved with our education system (teachers, administrators, etc.). Pray also that parents will be actively involved in their children's education and also reach out to those in the school system.

Our public education system, as a whole, teaches from a humanistic standpoint. It does not support Biblical standards and encourages students to decide for themselves what is right and wrong on many issues. Pray that parents will combat this mindset by teaching kids Biblical standards at home.

Pray for Our Fall Retreats

Our second prayer focus this month is for the district's fall retreats at Cross Pointe. Women's retreats are scheduled Sept. 13-15 and 20-22. Men's retreat is scheduled Sept. 27-29.

Pray for safety for those traveling to the retreat. Pray also for refreshing and renewal for those who attend—that every man and woman will be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit; that people will be saved, healed, delivered and baptized in the Holy Spirit; and that those who attend will be empowered to take this refreshing to their homes, churches and communities.

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