

## A Mom's Call to Prayer - Moms Gather to Pray on 12/17/12

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“At MOPS International, our hearts are broken for the families in Newtown, Connecticut. We’re lifting them in prayer, asking for God’s divine comfort to surround them. While our heads cannot make sense of this horrific tragedy, our hearts are overwhelmed with love and concern for these moms and dads, friends and community members in Newtown, Connecticut,” says Sherry Surratt, CEO and President of MOPS International {Mothers of Preschoolers}

Dear moms,

My heart hurts as I grieve today with the families in Newtown, Connecticut. The questions of, “why?” and, “how could this happen?” swirl in my head as I try to make sense of such a horrific tragedy. My head and heart are overwhelmed when I think of the loss and pain these families are facing and I desperately want to help. I know you do as well. While we can’t undo what has occurred, we can join together and do what moms do best: offer unconditional love and support, and an unshakeable foundation of strength and courage in the face of pain and loss.

I’d like to invite you to join MOPS International in a National Call to Prayer for moms, by moms. Please join us this Wednesday, December 19, at 9:45 a.m. Central Time, to observe a moment of prayer as we lift up the families who were devastated by this shooting. Specifically, we’d like to pray for the moms whose hearts are broken, that they will feel God’s arms surrounding them during the difficult days ahead.

I’m also praying for families across our world, whose hearts are filled with fear as they consider these events. None of this makes sense, and fear feels close and crippling. On behalf of moms everywhere, I’m calling out to the God who holds each of us in his big comforting hands. I’m crying out for the moms, who even this day, dealt with fear and anxiety. I’m praying this verse on their behalf.

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you. I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Psalm 16:11

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God truly is our rock of comfort and strength, even when nothing around us makes sense. At our Denver MOPS office, we'll be gathering this Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. Central Time (8:45 a.m. Mountain Time) to join hands and pray. We'll be crying out to the rock that is higher than us on behalf of the dear families in Newtown, and for moms everywhere. Will you join us?

We will also be inviting moms to share their prayers at [www.facebook.com/MOPS.Int](http://www.facebook.com/MOPS.Int)

### About MOPS INTERNATIONAL

Denver-based MOPS International is a non-profit ministry that creates communities to help "Better Moms Make A Better World." Since 1973, MOPS International has served millions of mothers and families in thousands of local MOPS groups across the U.S. and in 38 countries internationally. MOPS ministries include Classic MOPS, Teen MOPS, Military MOPS, International MOPS and MOMSnext. MOPS is the best in the world at creating authentic communities of growth that invite women into a spiritual relationship.

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