

Can This Former Teacher Spark Nationwide Revival in Public Schools?

A former teacher from Texas is taking the biblical mandate to “pray without ceasing” to schools across the nation by kickstarting an initiative that seeks to spark revival at every school, in every city.

Keli Caraveo is the founder of “Lock the Shields”, a ministry on a mission to pray for students and bring God back into the school system.

“We know a spiritual problem demands a spiritual solution. And in Ephesians, we know that the Word says ‘We do not war against flesh and blood, but against rulers, powers and principalities in higher places’ and I just kept hearing God saying, ‘I need watchmen on the wall’...and to watch means to guard over, to protect. To literally save lives and I believe God is calling us stand up and pray for our children,” she shared.

Caraveo recalls that in 2019 God gave her the “battle plan” for prayer as she prepared to send her sons to a large public school for the first time.

“It was definitely a God wake up. I could see families praying over schools, also the church coming together as the family, (united) as one, covering schools in prayer,” Keli told The Beacon. “I kept hearing ‘watchmen on the wall’ over and over. I could hear the roar of shields coming together, locking in formation over cities.”

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Caraveo says she ran with the vision that God gave her and that was how “Lock the Shields” was born.

Interested parents can sign up on the website, adopt a school and access a prayer guide, that includes Scriptures for students, parents, teachers, administrative staff and the school board.

In the ministry’s first year, they had a handful of churches and ministries participate, but it has grown over the years.

At the start of the 2023 school year, Lock the Shields had more than 325 schools in over 20 states receiving prayer daily.

Caraveo says her goal for this year is to teach children how to pray for their school, each day.

“We must teach children to pray with the authority of Jesus. We are also praying for unity within the body of Christ for us to move together as one,” she told Intercessors for America.

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