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'We pray ... That's our mission'



Each woman says a prayer as the group holds hands and prays together during a meeting of the Military Moms Prayer Group that meets every Thursday at the Women's Refuge in Vero Beach.

Photos and story by Deborah Silver

Military Moms Prayer Group open to anyone who wants to pray



Roma Anderson, center, of Vero Beach, wipes a tear from her eye during an emotional prayer group session on Dec. 10 at the center. Anderson's son, Lt. Col. Joseph Trane McCloud, a member of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, was killed in a helicopter accident in Iraq on Dec. 4, 2006. On Anderson's left is Fran Gilson of Vero Beach, who has a friend whose child is serving in Afghanistan and on her right, Joyse Desrosiers, of Vero Beach, whose son, Justin Hoecker, is in the Army as a Special Agent in Germany.

"I had this divine nudge to start a prayer group," said Pam Proctor, inspired military mother of Capt. Michael Proctor and wife of Bill Proctor, former Marine JAG officer in Vietnam.

And in August 2006, the nudge got stronger, so she and four other women got together and prayed for their children in the military and they called it Military Moms Prayer Group.

Then, one by one, people started to join them and now, they open their doors to anyone who wants to pray.

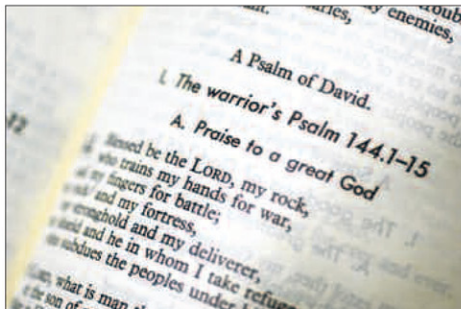
They are inter-denominational. They have no rules.

"We do two things — we pray and we send packages. That's our mission," said Proctor. "And then we turn our problems over to God."

For more information about the prayer group, go to www.militarymomsprayergroup.com.



Estelle Thompson of Vero Beach holds onto a tamborine at the beginning of the gathering Dec. 10.



Pam Proctor reads a Bible passage, "The warrior's Psalm," at the start of the meeting.