

Real Prayer 4 Real Life

Millions of Christian students across America called out to God September 21 as they participated in the 16th annual **See You at the Pole™ – National Day of Student Prayer**.

God's promise in Jeremiah 33:3 was the theme verse this year: "Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." From stories that were received from all 50 states and countries on five continents, it was clear that students were claiming that promise for real-life issues in their world.

HURRICANES ARE "REAL LIFE."

Prominent in the prayers of many teenagers was the recovery of victims of Hurricane Katrina. A woman in **Kenner, La.** – in a region caught between Katrina and Rita – wrote: "We couldn't do it at my school because of (damage from) the hurricane. So tomorrow at Kenner police station, we will be praying. We won't let *this* hurricane stop us from doing it!"

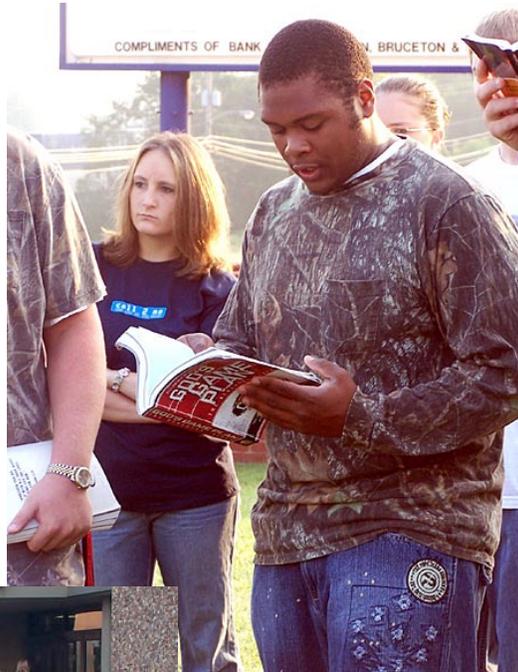
PRAYER IS "REAL LIFE."

In **Menifee, Calif.**, some students were jeering at the group of 100 who were praying. But when some of the Christian students fell to their knees and began laying hands on one another in prayer, the jeering ceased, and, according to an adult observer, "a presence of total peace came over the area."

ENCOURAGEMENT IS "REAL LIFE."

At **Hanshew Middle School in Anchorage, Alaska**, only two students were praying at first, and according to a youth pastor who was watching, they were intimidated. But then about 15-20 students from a Christian school across the street came over to pray with the Hanshew students. He wrote, "It was so encouraging that other students from Hanshew started dropping their backpacks and joining in. The students from Heritage (the Christian school) even brought donuts for the Hanshew kids."

See You at the Pole 2006 is
**September 27, moving to the
 fourth Wednesday of September.**



War is "real life." In **San Diego**, friends comforted and prayed for this middle school girl (right). Her father had left that morning to serve in the war in Iraq.



(Left) The Cross is "real life." Rachel, a student leader at **Edmond (Okla.) North High School**, brought a cross into the middle of their prayer circle. Participants brought prayer requests and nailed them to the cross. Rachel wrote, "God truly moved in such a mighty way. I just felt the presence of God and the Holy Spirit at our school today."