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Ways to Pray
for the Next Generation

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Welcome!

Every September, thousands of young people walk through the doors of their schools carrying backpacks filled with books and hearts filled with hopes, fears, questions, dreams, and burdens.

Some arrive excited to reconnect with friends. Others quietly wonder if anyone will notice they're struggling. Teachers, educational assistants, coaches, administrators, custodians, and support staff begin another year with a deep desire to help students flourish, often carrying heavy responsibilities of their own. Parents and guardians work hard to help manage the weight that their students carry to and from school each day.

As followers of Jesus, we believe prayer changes everything. We invite you to join us in praying intentionally for the next generation. How you use these 40 Ways is up to you; the important point is that you pray! Use this guide as an individual, with your family, small group, workplace, church, or ministry team.

Our prayer is simple: that God would unite His people around a shared commitment to pray for the youth of London, and that every student would have the opportunity to experience the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Praying with you,
Nicki Coles, Executive Director
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1: A New Beginning

*“Commit to the LORD whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.”*

Proverbs 16:3

Reflection

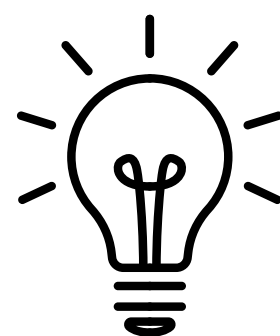
The beginning of a school year is filled with anticipation. New classrooms, new friendships, new routines, and new opportunities all lie ahead. Some students arrive eager for what's next, while others carry anxiety or uncertainty. Before anything else, we pause to commit this school year to God. He knows every classroom, every hallway conversation, every challenge, and every opportunity before they happen. As we begin, we remember that He is already at work in the lives of students, families, educators, and churches across our community.

Prayer Points



- Thank God for the gift of a new school year.
- Pray for God's blessing over every school in your community.
- Ask God to prepare hearts to receive His love and truth.
- Pray for meaningful relationships to be formed this year.
- Pray that Jesus would be glorified in every opportunity to serve young people.

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Pray by name for one local school.

2: Students

*“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature,
and in favor with God and man.”*

Luke 2:52

Reflection

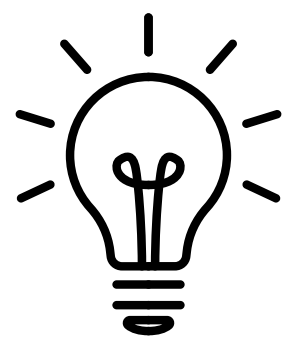
Every student has a story. Some are confident, while others feel unseen. Some are surrounded by encouragement, while others are carrying burdens that few people know about. God sees each young person completely and loves them so deeply that he sent Jesus to live as a human and grow into a man. Today, we pray that students would grow not only in knowledge but also in wisdom, character, and hope.

Prayer Points



- Pray for students to know they are loved by God.
- Pray for healthy friendships.
- Pray for courage to make wise choices.
- Pray for protection from harmful influences.
- Pray that students would encounter caring adults.

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Send an encouraging message to a student you know.

3: Teachers

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.”

James 3:17–18

Reflection

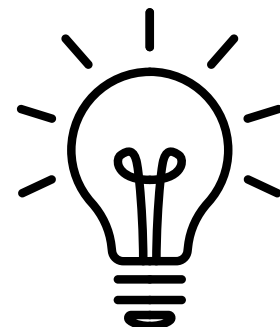
Teachers do far more than deliver lessons. Every day they encourage, guide, correct, celebrate, and care for the young people entrusted to them. Many carry unseen pressures while faithfully showing up for their students. Today, we thank God for educators and ask Him to strengthen them for the work ahead.

Prayer Points



- Thank God for teachers in your community.
- Pray for wisdom and patience.
- Pray for energy and resilience.
- Pray that they would recognize students who need extra support.
- Pray that Christian teachers would reflect Christ through their lives.

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Write a note or send a message thanking a teacher.

4: School Leaders

“For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.”

Proverbs 11:14

Reflection

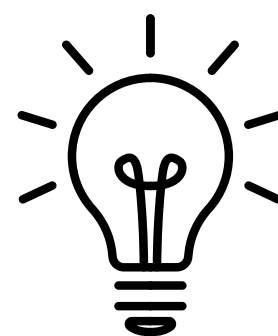
Principals, vice-principals, and administrators shape the culture of a school in countless ways. They make difficult decisions, care for students and staff, respond to crises, and seek to create environments where learning can flourish. Their leadership has a ripple effect that touches every classroom. Today we pray that God would grant them wisdom, integrity, humility, and compassion as they lead.

Prayer Points



- Pray for wisdom in difficult decisions.
- Pray for courage to lead with integrity.
- Pray for healthy school cultures where students can flourish.
- Pray for encouragement during challenging seasons.
- Pray that Christian leaders would reflect Christ through their leadership.

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Pray for the leadership team at a school in your community.

5: Support Staff

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,” Colossians 3:23

Reflection

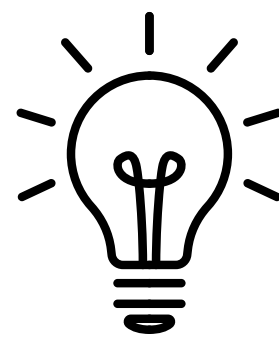
Educational assistants, custodians, office staff, librarians, lunch supervisors, bus drivers, crossing guards, and many others faithfully serve behind the scenes. Their work often goes unnoticed, yet they create welcoming, safe, and caring environments for students every day. God sees every act of service, and today we thank Him for these faithful servants in our schools.

Prayer Points



- Thank God for those who serve behind the scenes.
- Pray they would feel valued and appreciated.
- Pray for strength, safety, and good health.
- Pray for meaningful interactions with students.
- Pray that their work would bring dignity and hope to others.

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Thank someone whose work often goes unnoticed.

6: Parents and Caregivers

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Deuteronomy 6:6–7

Reflection

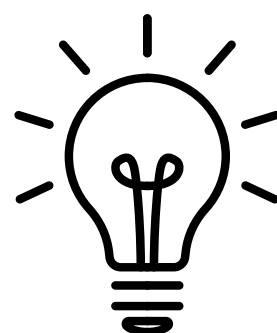
Parents, grandparents, guardians, and caregivers carry the privilege and responsibility of shaping young lives. Many are balancing work, finances, relationships, and countless responsibilities while trying to love their children well. Today we ask God to strengthen families and remind them that He walks with them in every season.

Prayer Points



- Pray for wisdom in parenting.
- Pray for healthy communication in families.
- Pray for homes filled with love and grace.
- Pray for caregivers carrying heavy burdens.
- Pray that families would discover hope in Christ.

Take the Next Step



Encourage a parent or caregiver today.

7: Safe Schools

“The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.” Psalm 121:7–8

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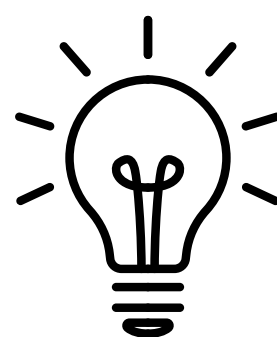
Every child deserves to learn in an environment where they feel physically, emotionally, and spiritually safe. Safety is more than locked doors and emergency plans, it is a culture where kindness, respect, and belonging are cultivated. Today we ask God to watch over every school and every young person who enters its doors.

Prayer Points



- Pray for God's protection over schools.
- Pray for peace in classrooms and hallways.
- Pray against violence, abuse, and fear.
- Pray for healthy relationships among students.
- Pray that schools would be places of belonging and hope.

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Pray as you drive or walk past a local school.

8: Identity in Christ

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

Psalm 139:13–14

Reflection

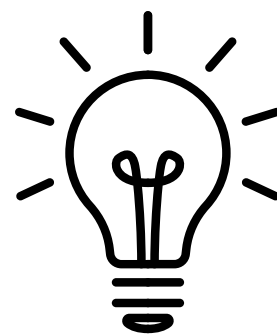
In a world full of competing voices, many young people struggle to answer one question: *'Who am I?'* Culture often tells students their worth depends on appearance, achievements, popularity, or performance. Scripture tells a different story. Every young person is intentionally created, deeply valued, and invited into a relationship with Jesus. Today we pray that students would discover an identity rooted in God's love rather than the shifting standards of the world.

Prayer Points



- Pray that students would know they are loved by God.
- Pray against comparison and insecurity.
- Pray for confidence rooted in Christ.
- Pray for adults who will speak truth into young lives.
- Pray that every student would discover their God-given value.

Take the Next Step



Tell a young person one quality you genuinely admire about them.

9: Purpose and Calling

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew[a] you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 1:5

Reflection

Many young people spend countless hours wondering who they are, where they belong, and whether their lives truly matter. They may look for purpose through achievements, popularity, sports, academics, or social media, only to discover those things can never fully satisfy.

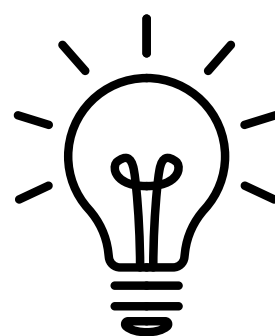
Scripture reminds us that every young person has been intentionally created by God and for God. Long before they discover a career, choose a university, or begin a family, God has already given their life value and purpose. Today, let's pray that students would discover not only what they want to do with their lives, but who God is calling them to become.

Prayer Points



- Pray that youth would discover their identity and purpose in Christ.
- Pray that God would reveal His calling for their lives.
- Pray that students would resist the pressure to find their worth in success or popularity.
- Pray for adults who will encourage and mentor young people.
- Pray that God would raise up a generation eager to serve Him.

Take the Next Step



Encourage a young person by reminding them of a gift or strength you see in them.

10: Friendships

"Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."

Proverbs 13:20

Reflection

Friendships have an incredible influence during the school years. Healthy friendships can encourage confidence, kindness, and resilience, while unhealthy relationships can lead young people away from the people God created them to be.

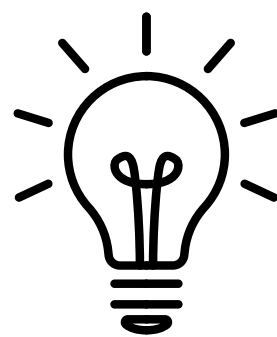
Many students are hoping to find where they belong this year. Some will make lifelong friends. Others will eat lunch alone or wonder if anyone notices them. Today we pray that every student would experience genuine friendship and that God would surround them with people who encourage them toward wisdom, kindness, and hope.

Prayer Points



- Pray for healthy, life-giving friendships.
- Pray for students who feel lonely or excluded.
- Pray for courage to include others.
- Pray that friendships would be marked by kindness and respect.
- Pray that God would use friendships to draw young people closer to Him.

Take the Next Step



Reach out to someone who may be feeling overlooked and let them know they matter.

11: Anxiety

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

Reflection

Many young people carry worries that are invisible to those around them. Academic pressure, family challenges, friendships, finances, uncertainty about the future, and the constant pressure to measure up can weigh heavily on their hearts.

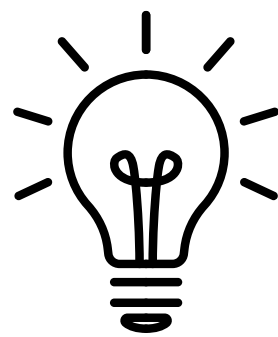
God never asks us to carry these burdens alone. He invites us to bring every fear and every concern to Him because He cares deeply for us. Today we pray that students would experience God's peace, discover mentors they can talk to, and know they are never alone in whatever they are facing.

Prayer Points



- Pray for students experiencing anxiety.
- Pray for peace that comes from Christ.
- Pray for healthy support from families, schools, and churches.
- Pray for wisdom for counsellors and caring adults.
- Pray that young people would know they are never alone.

Take the Next Step



Take a few extra minutes today to pray specifically for a young person who may be carrying unseen burdens.

12: Mental Health

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

Reflection

Mental health challenges affect many young people and their families. Some struggles are visible, while others remain hidden behind smiles and busy schedules. God sees every heart, every tear, and every silent battle. As believers, we have an opportunity to respond with compassion, hope, and grace. Today we pray for healing, for access to the support young people need, and for supports who will listen without judgment. May every young person know that their life has immeasurable value and that they are deeply loved by God.

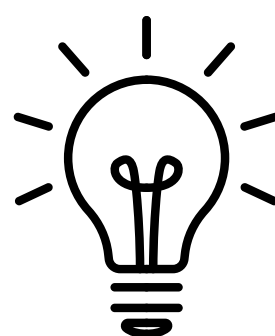
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Prayer Points



- Pray for young people experiencing mental health challenges.
- Pray for hope in seasons of discouragement.
- Pray for families walking alongside loved ones.
- Pray for counsellors, healthcare professionals, and school supports.
- Pray that churches would be places of compassion, understanding, and hope.

Take the Next Step



Take time today to encourage someone who spends their life caring for others.

13: Loneliness

"God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land."

Psalm 68:6

Reflection

It's possible to be surrounded by people and still feel completely alone. Every day, students walk into classrooms wondering if they'll fit in, whether they'll be included, or if anyone truly sees them. Loneliness isn't always obvious, but its impact can be profound. God has always cared deeply for those who feel forgotten or isolated. He created us for relationships with Him and with one another. Today, let's pray that young people would experience genuine belonging and that God would surround them with caring friends and adults who remind them they are seen, valued, and loved.

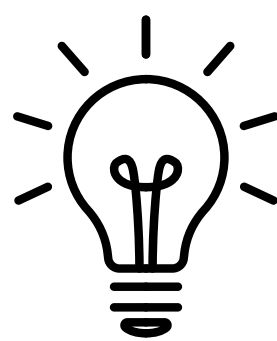
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Prayer Points



- Pray for students who feel lonely or isolated.
- Pray that healthy friendships would grow.
- Pray that schools would be places of belonging.
- Pray for caring adults who notice those who are struggling.
- Pray that every young person would know they are never alone.

Take the Next Step



Notice someone who may be sitting alone today. Offer a smile, start a conversation, or simply let them know they're seen.

14: Grief

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

Reflection

Many young people carry grief that we may not see. Some are mourning the loss of a loved one. Others are grieving the loss of a friendship, a family relationship, a home, or the life they thought they would have. Grief doesn't always have a visible timeline, and it affects every person differently. Jesus never ignored those who were hurting. He drew near with compassion and offered hope even in the midst of sorrow. Today we pray that grieving young people would experience God's comfort through His presence and through the love and support of those around them.

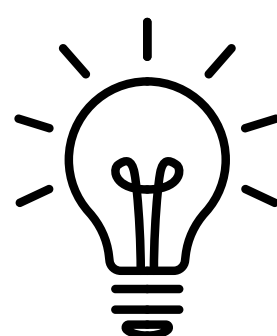
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Prayer Points



- Pray for students who are grieving any kind of loss.
- Pray that they would experience God's comfort and peace.
- Pray for families walking through difficult seasons.
- Pray for teachers, counsellors, and mentors supporting grieving students.
- Pray that the Church would respond with compassion and hope.

Take the Next Step



Reach out to someone who has experienced loss and let them know you're thinking of them and praying for them

15: Hunger and Poverty

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink..."

Matthew 25:35a

Reflection

For many students, school is more than a place to learn; it's where they receive encouragement, stability, and sometimes even their most reliable meal of the day. While many young people have everything they need materially, others quietly carry the burden of food insecurity or financial hardship.

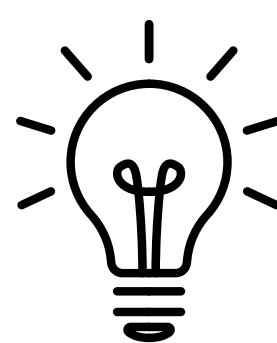
Jesus calls His followers to notice those in need and to respond with compassion. Today we pray for young people and families facing financial challenges and for communities that faithfully care for them with generosity, dignity, and hope.

Prayer Points



- Pray for students experiencing food insecurity.
- Pray for families facing financial hardship.
- Pray for schools and organizations providing practical support.
- Pray that churches would respond with generosity and compassion.
- Pray that every young person would know their worth is not defined by their circumstances.

Take the Next Step



Support a local food bank, school nutrition program, or organization serving families in your community.

16: Families in Crisis

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1

Reflection

Home has a profound influence on every person's life. While many families provide love, stability, and encouragement, others are navigating conflict, illness, addiction, separation, financial stress, or uncertainty. These realities often follow students into their classrooms, even when no one else can see them. God is present in every home and every circumstance. Today we pray for families experiencing difficult seasons, asking God to bring healing, wisdom, peace, and hope. We also pray that youth would encounter helpful adults who provide encouragement and consistency when life feels uncertain.

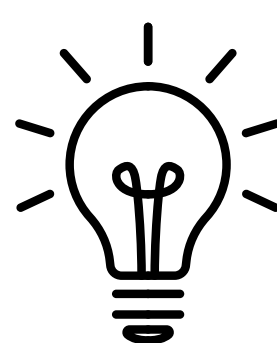
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Prayer Points



- Pray for families experiencing conflict or crisis.
- Pray for healing in broken relationships.
- Pray for parents and caregivers carrying heavy burdens.
- Pray for young people seeking stability and hope.
- Pray that churches would come alongside families with compassion and practical support.

Take the Next Step



Take a few moments today to pray specifically for a family you know who may be walking through a difficult season.

17: Students in Foster & Kinship Care

"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling."

Psalm 68:5

Reflection

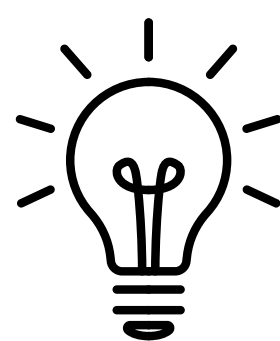
Not every young person goes home to the same place each day. Some are living with foster families, grandparents, relatives, or caregivers who have stepped in during difficult circumstances. These children and youth often carry questions, uncertainty, and loss that others may never see. God's heart has always been for those who are vulnerable. He sees every child, knows every story, and faithfully walks beside those who feel forgotten. Today we pray that young people in foster and kinship care would experience stability, hope, and the unconditional love of Christ through the adults who care for them.

Prayer Points



- Pray for children and youth in foster and kinship care.
- Pray for foster parents, relatives, and caregivers.
- Pray for social workers and child welfare professionals.
- Pray that young people would experience stability and belonging.
- Pray that every child would know they are deeply loved by God.

Take the Next Step



Pray for the families in your community who have opened their homes to care for children and youth.

18: Newcomer & Refugee Youth

"Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt." Exodus 23:9

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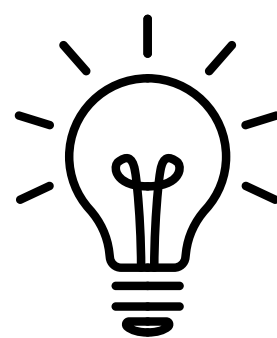
Beginning life in a new country is exciting, but it can also be overwhelming. Many newcomer and refugee students are learning a new language, adapting to a different culture, making new friends, and helping their families navigate unfamiliar systems. Some have also experienced significant loss or trauma before arriving in Canada. God consistently calls His people to welcome the stranger with compassion and kindness. Today we pray that newcomer and refugee youth would find friendship, belonging, and opportunities to flourish as they build a new life in our community.

Prayer Points



- Pray for newcomer and refugee students.
- Pray for families adjusting to life in Canada.
- Pray for teachers supporting multilingual learners.
- Pray for friendships that help students feel welcome.
- Pray that churches would reflect Christ's love through hospitality.

Take the Next Step



Introduce yourself to someone from a different cultural background or pray for a family who is new to your community.

19: Marginalized & Vulnerable Youth

"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

Isaiah 1:17

Reflection

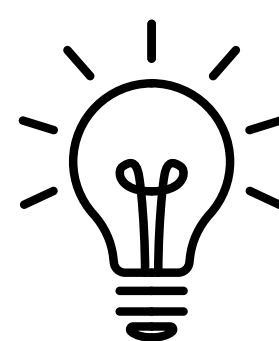
Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly calls His people to notice those who are often overlooked. Today, many youth face barriers that make life especially difficult. Some experience poverty, homelessness, discrimination, disability, family instability, or involvement with the child welfare or justice systems. Indigenous youth, newcomer youth, and many others often experience these challenges in unique ways. As followers of Jesus, we are called to see people the way He does: with compassion, dignity, and hope. Today, we pray that vulnerable young people would experience God's love through supportive communities and churches that faithfully walk alongside them.

Prayer Points



- Pray for young people facing significant barriers.
- Pray for Indigenous youth, newcomer youth, and others who experience marginalization.
- Pray for students experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.
- Pray that churches would reflect God's heart for justice and compassion.
- Pray that every young person would know they are seen, valued, and loved.

Take the Next Step



Learn about a local organization serving vulnerable youth and spend time praying for its staff, volunteers, and the young people they serve.

20: Students with Disabilities & Additional Needs

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Psalm 139:14

Reflection

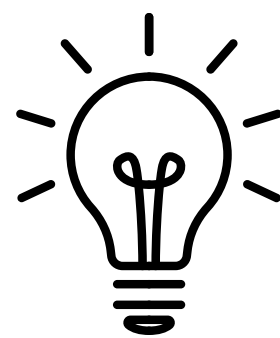
Every person has unique gifts, abilities, and potential. Some students also navigate physical, developmental, learning, or mental health challenges that require additional support. Their value is never defined by what they can or cannot do. Each one is created in the image of God and has an important place in His story. Today we pray for students with disabilities and additional needs, as well as the families, educators, educational assistants, therapists, and caregivers who faithfully support them each day. May every young person experience belonging, encouragement, and opportunities to flourish.

Prayer Points



- Pray for students with disabilities and additional needs.
- Pray for parents and caregivers.
- Pray for educational assistants, therapists, and support staff.
- Pray for inclusive school communities.
- Pray that every young person would know they are valued and loved by God.

Take the Next Step



Take time today to thank someone who faithfully supports children or youth with additional needs.

21: Bullying

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

Reflection

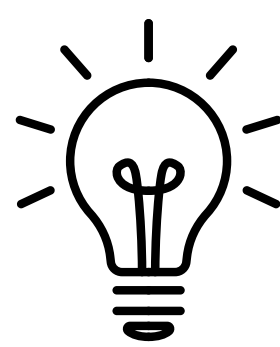
Words have incredible power. They can encourage, heal, and build confidence. Or they can wound deeply. While bullying has always existed, students today often face it both in person and online, making it difficult to find a place of refuge. God calls His people to treat one another with kindness, compassion, and respect. Today, we pray that schools would become places where every student feels safe and valued, where courage overcomes cruelty, and where kindness becomes contagious.

Prayer Points



- Pray for students experiencing bullying.
- Pray for those who feel afraid to ask for help.
- Pray for students who have bullied others, that their hearts would be transformed.
- Pray for teachers and school staff responding to difficult situations.
- Pray that kindness, compassion, and respect would grow in every school.

Take the Next Step



Choose one intentional act of kindness today and encourage someone who may need it.

22: Technology & Social Media

"I have the right to do anything," you say - but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything" - but not everything is constructive. 1 Corinthians 10:23

Reflection

Technology offers incredible opportunities to learn, connect, and create. It can also lead to comparisons, distractions, misinformation, and pressure to present a perfect life. For many young people, social media and Artificial Intelligence shapes how they see themselves and the world around them.

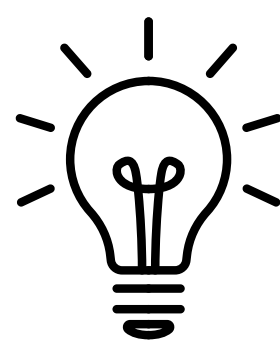
Rather than fearing technology, we can pray that young people would use it wisely. May they learn to value truth over popularity, relationships over recognition, and their identity in Christ over the opinions of others.

Prayer Points



- Pray for wisdom in how young people use technology.
- Pray for protection from harmful online influences.
- Pray for healthy relationships both online and offline.
- Pray for discernment in recognizing truth.
- Pray that students would find their identity in Christ rather than social media.

Take the Next Step



Take a break from social media today and spend that time praying for the next generation instead.

23: Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.” 1 Corinthians 9:24

Reflection

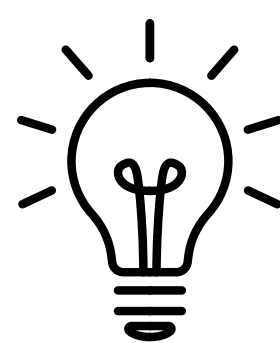
Sports teams, music programs, drama clubs, robotics competitions, student leadership, and countless other activities help shape young people far beyond the classroom. These experiences teach perseverance, teamwork, discipline, creativity, and confidence while creating opportunities for meaningful relationships. Today, we thank God for the coaches, instructors, volunteers, and mentors who invest countless hours in helping young people grow. May these spaces become places where character is formed, gifts are developed, and every student knows they are valued for far more than their performance.

Prayer Points



- Pray for coaches, instructors, and volunteers.
- Pray for safety in practices, rehearsals, and competitions.
- Pray for healthy teamwork and sportsmanship.
- Pray that young people would discover and develop their gifts.
- Pray that these activities would build confidence, character, and lasting friendships.

Take the Next Step



Take a moment to thank and pray for a coach, instructor, or volunteer who has invested in the life of a young person.

24: Christian Students

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Reflection

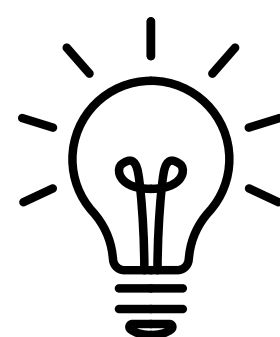
Being a follower of Jesus at school isn't always easy. Christian students may feel alone in their faith, uncertain how to respond to difficult conversations, or hesitant to live differently from those around them. Yet God has placed each believer exactly where they are for a reason. Through everyday acts of kindness, integrity, humility, and courage, young followers of Jesus can reflect His love to classmates, teachers, and friends. Today we pray that Christian students would grow in their faith and confidently shine the light of Christ wherever they go.

Prayer Points



- Pray that Christian students would grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for courage to live out their faith with humility and grace.
- Pray for Christian clubs and student-led ministries.
- Pray for friendships that encourage spiritual growth.
- Pray that God would use young believers to share His love with others.

Take the Next Step



Pray by name for a Christian student you know, asking God to strengthen and encourage their faith this school year.

25: Youth Workers

"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me." Colossians 1:28–29

Reflection

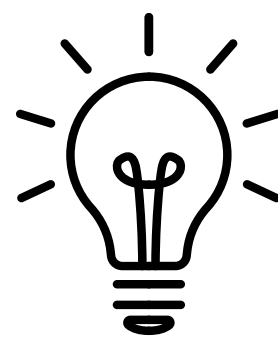
Across our communities, youth workers faithfully show up day after day to encourage, mentor, and walk alongside youth. Whether serving through YFC, churches, schools, camps, community organizations, or ministries, they often invest in students during some of life's most formative years. The work is deeply rewarding, but it can also be demanding. Today we pray that God would strengthen youth workers with wisdom, joy, perseverance, and renewed passion. May they never lose sight of the eternal difference their presence can make in the life of a young person.

Prayer Points



- Pray for youth workers serving in churches and communities.
- Pray for wisdom, energy, and perseverance.
- Pray that they would be encouraged in seasons of challenge.
- Pray for healthy relationships with the young people they serve.
- Pray that God would continue calling people into youth ministry.

Take the Next Step



Thank a youth worker who has invested in the life of a young person.

26: Mentors & Volunteers

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24

Reflection

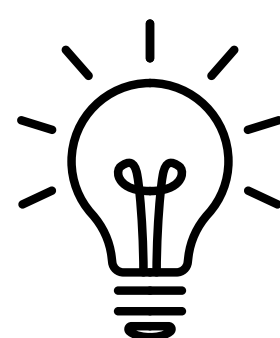
Few people remember every lesson they learned in school, but many remember the adults who believed in them. A coach. A Sunday school teacher. A volunteer. A mentor. A neighbour. Sometimes, a single caring person can change the direction of a young person's life. God often works through ordinary people who choose to consistently show up, listen well, and encourage others. Today we thank God for mentors and volunteers who invest their time, gifts, and hearts in the next generation.

Prayer Points



- Pray for mentors and volunteers serving young people.
- Pray for meaningful, Christ-centred relationships.
- Pray for wisdom and encouragement as they serve.
- Pray that more adults would step forward to invest in the next generation.
- Pray that young people would recognize the love of Christ through these relationships.

Take the Next Step



Think of someone who invested in you when you were young. Reach out and thank them if you're able.

27: Teachers Who Go Beyond the Classroom

"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Reflection

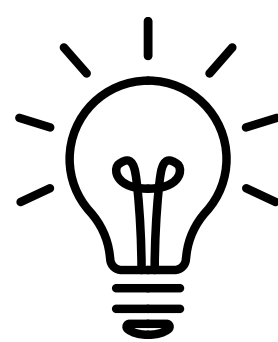
Many teachers do far more than teach lessons. They notice when a student seems unusually quiet. They stay after school to help. They cheer from the sidelines at sporting events, attend concerts, sponsor clubs, and celebrate milestones. They encourage students to believe in themselves, often long before students believe it themselves. Today we thank God for educators who invest far beyond their job description. May He give them strength, wisdom, and joy as they continue making a lasting difference in the lives of young people.

Prayer Points



- Pray for teachers who faithfully encourage students.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment in difficult situations.
- Pray for renewed strength during demanding seasons.
- Pray that educators would know their work is making a difference.
- Pray that students would experience encouragement and hope through caring teachers.

Take the Next Step



Write a note or send a message thanking a teacher who has made a difference in your life or in the life of someone you know.

28: School Boards & Educational Leaders

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." James 1:5

Reflection

Behind every classroom are countless decisions made by principals, superintendents, trustees, administrators, and educational leaders. Their choices shape learning environments, allocate resources, support staff, and influence the experiences of thousands of students and families.

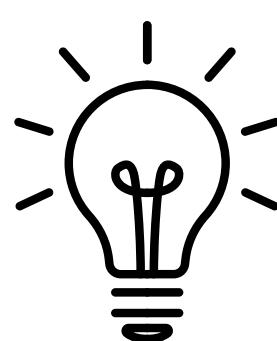
Leadership often carries unseen responsibilities and difficult decisions. Today we pray that those entrusted with leading our education system would be guided by wisdom, integrity, compassion, and a genuine desire to help every young person flourish.

Prayer Points



- Pray for principals and vice-principals.
- Pray for school board leaders and trustees.
- Pray for wisdom in making difficult decisions.
- Pray for healthy school cultures where students and staff can thrive.
- Pray that every decision would ultimately benefit the well-being of young people.

Take the Next Step



Take a few moments to pray specifically for the leaders of your local school board by name if you know them.

29: Local Churches

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." 2 Timothy 2:2

Reflection

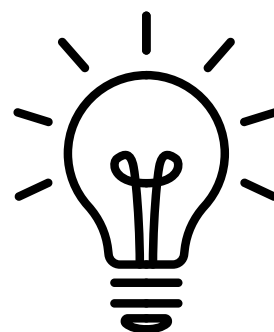
The local church has a unique opportunity to help shape the next generation. Through children's ministries, youth groups, mentors, camps, worship, service opportunities, and authentic relationships, churches become places where young people can discover who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him. Today we pray for churches across our communities. May they be places where every young person is welcomed, known, encouraged, and challenged to grow in faith. May God continue to use His Church to point the next generation toward the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Prayer Points



- Pray for churches investing in children and youth.
- Pray for pastors, ministry leaders, and volunteers.
- Pray that young people would experience genuine community.
- Pray for wisdom as churches disciple the next generation.
- Pray that churches would faithfully reflect the love of Christ.

Take the Next Step



Pray for another church in your community today, asking God to bless its ministry to children and youth.

30: Community Partners

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

Reflection

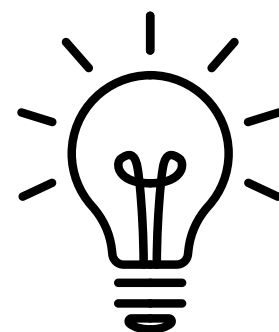
No single organization can meet every need facing today's young people. Schools, churches, community agencies, businesses, sports organizations, healthcare providers, and nonprofits all have an important role to play. When people work together with humility and compassion, young lives are strengthened. Today we thank God for the many organizations and community partners who faithfully serve children, youth, and families. May He continue to build partnerships that bring hope, healing, and opportunity throughout our communities.

Prayer Points



- Pray for organizations serving children and youth.
- Pray for strong partnerships across our communities.
- Pray for wisdom as leaders work together.
- Pray that resources would reach those who need them most.
- Pray that collaboration would create lasting impact.

Take the Next Step



Learn about a local organization serving young people and spend a few moments praying for its staff, volunteers, and those it serves.

31: Unity in the Body of Christ

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4:3

Reflection

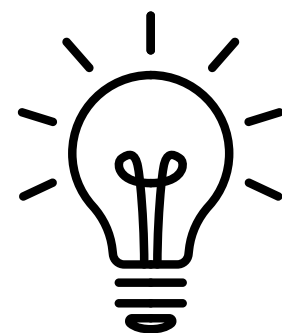
Young people benefit when followers of Jesus work together. While churches may differ in style, tradition, or worship, we are united in our desire to see lives transformed through Christ. When Christians choose humility, grace, and collaboration, our witness becomes stronger. Today we pray for unity among believers. May our shared love for Jesus be greater than the differences that sometimes divide us. Together, may we faithfully serve the next generation and point them to the hope of the Gospel.

Prayer Points



- Pray for unity among churches in your community.
- Pray for humility and grace in our relationships.
- Pray for opportunities to serve together.
- Pray that young people would see Christ through our unity.
- Pray that God would strengthen His Church for His mission.

Take the Next Step



Spend time praying for another church or ministry whose work is different from your own.

32: Sharing the Hope of Jesus

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

Reflection

The greatest gift we can offer the next generation is not simply encouragement, education, or opportunity, important as those things are. The greatest hope we have is found in Jesus Christ. His love changes lives, restores hearts, forgives sin, and offers eternal hope.

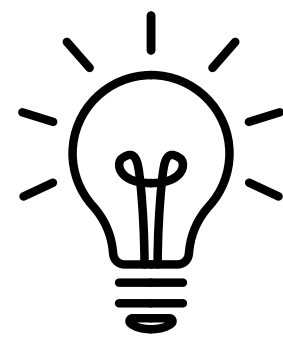
Sharing our faith isn't about having all the answers. It's about faithfully pointing people to the One who does. Today we pray that God would give us courage, wisdom, and compassion as we look for opportunities to share the hope we have in Christ.

Prayer Points



- Pray that young people would encounter Jesus personally.
- Pray for courage to share the Gospel with gentleness and respect.
- Pray for opportunities to have meaningful spiritual conversations.
- Pray that hearts would be open to God's truth.
- Pray that many lives would be transformed through Christ.

Take the Next Step



Pray for one person by name who doesn't yet know Jesus, and ask God to give you an opportunity to encourage them this week.

33: Young People Seeking Truth

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:32

Reflection

Today's young people are surrounded by countless voices telling them what to believe, who to become, and where to find happiness. In the midst of competing messages, many are genuinely searching for truth, purpose, and something that will last.

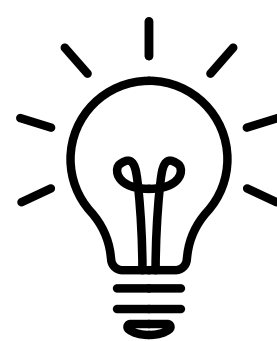
Jesus doesn't simply teach truth: He is the truth. As young people seek answers to life's biggest questions, we pray they will encounter the One who offers hope, grace, forgiveness, and life that never ends.

Prayer Points



- Pray that young people would seek truth with open hearts.
- Pray that God would reveal Himself to those who are searching.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment in a confusing world.
- Pray that young people would encounter Christians who reflect Jesus with humility and grace.
- Pray that many would discover the freedom found in Christ.

Take the Next Step



Pray for someone you know who is searching for meaning or purpose, asking God to reveal Himself in a personal way.

34: Future Leaders

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

Reflection

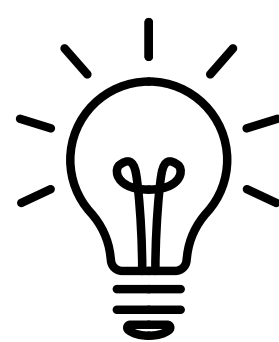
Leadership isn't something young people need to wait to grow into someday. Throughout Scripture, God called young people to trust Him, serve others, and lead with courage. Age has never been a barrier to being used by God. Among today's students are tomorrow's teachers, business leaders, tradespeople, pastors, healthcare professionals, parents, elected officials, entrepreneurs, missionaries, and community volunteers. More importantly, they are today's disciples. As they grow in character, wisdom, and faith, God is already preparing them to influence the world around them.

Prayer Points



- Pray that God would raise up courageous young leaders.
- Pray that young people would grow in wisdom, integrity, and character.
- Pray that they would use their gifts to serve others.
- Pray for adults who are mentoring and developing future leaders.
- Pray that the next generation would lead with humility and faith.

Take the Next Step



Think of a young person who demonstrates leadership potential. Encourage them today by telling them what strengths you see in them and how God might use those gifts in the future.

35: God's Calling

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

Reflection

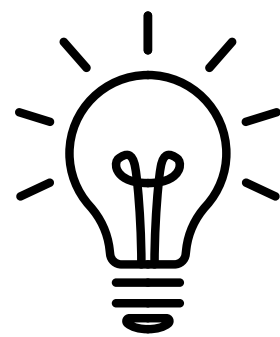
Every young person has been uniquely created by God with gifts, talents, passions, and opportunities to make a difference. While they may not yet know where life will lead, God already sees the path before them. Whether a young person becomes a teacher, electrician, nurse, entrepreneur, artist, engineer, parent, pastor, or volunteer, every calling has value when it is lived for the glory of God. Our prayer is not simply that young people would choose the "right career," but that they would become the people God created them to be.

Prayer Points



- Pray that young people would discover God's purpose for their lives.
- Pray for wisdom as they make decisions about their future.
- Pray that they would use their gifts to serve others.
- Pray that they would trust God even when the path ahead is uncertain.
- Pray that their lives would bring glory to God.

Take the Next Step



Encourage a young person by affirming a gift or strength you see in them and reminding them that God has created them with purpose.

36: Revival Among the Next Generation

“Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.” Habakkuk 3:2

Reflection

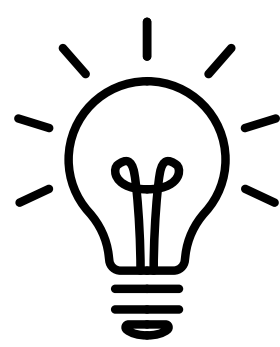
Throughout history, God has often chosen young people to help spark movements of faith that transformed families, churches, communities, and even nations. He is still at work today. Our greatest prayer is not simply that young people would be successful or happy, but that they would encounter Jesus in a life-changing way. We long to see students passionately following Christ, growing in faith, serving others, and boldly sharing the hope they have found.

Prayer Points



- Pray for spiritual renewal among young people.
- Pray that students would develop a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for churches and ministries sharing the Gospel.
- Pray that God would raise up young disciples who influence others.
- Pray for a movement of faith that reaches future generations.

Take the Next Step



Spend a few extra minutes today praying specifically for revival in your school, church, neighbourhood, or community.

37: Every Caring Adult

“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

Deuteronomy 6:6–7

Reflection

Throughout this journey, we've prayed for students, families, teachers, churches, mentors, coaches, volunteers, and communities. Woven through each of these prayers is one simple truth: God often changes a young person's life through caring adults who faithfully show up. You don't have to be a pastor or youth worker to make a difference. A conversation. An encouraging word. A listening ear. A shared meal. A consistent presence. These simple acts of love often become the moments young people remember for years to come.

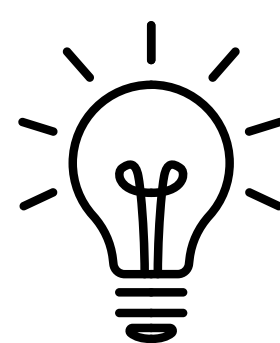
Today we pray that God would raise up more caring adults who are willing to invest their time, their hearts, and their faith in the next generation.

Prayer Points



- Pray that more adults would invest in young people.
- Pray for wisdom, patience, and compassion.
- Pray for meaningful relationships across generations.
- Pray that caring adults would faithfully reflect Christ.
- Pray that every young person would have someone who believes in them.

Take the Next Step



Ask God to place one young person on your heart this week. Pray for them by name and look for an opportunity to encourage them.

38: The Great Commission

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18–20

Reflection

Jesus' final instruction to His followers was to go and make disciples. That mission continues today, and the next generation is an essential part of it. Every conversation, every act of kindness, every prayer, every invitation, and every relationship can become an opportunity for someone to encounter Jesus. We are not called to change hearts; that is God's work. We are simply called to faithfully point people toward Him.

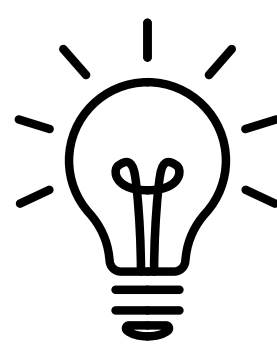
Today we pray that God would give His Church courage, compassion, and perseverance as we continue sharing the hope of Christ with the next generation.

Prayer Points



- Pray that the Church would remain faithful to Christ's mission.
- Pray for boldness to share the Gospel with love and humility.
- Pray for opportunities to build meaningful relationships.
- Pray that many young people would become lifelong disciples of Jesus.
- Pray that God would continue expanding His Kingdom.

Take the Next Step



Ask God to show you one practical way you can invest in the next generation this month, then take the first step.

39: Hope for the Next Generation

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

Reflection

It's easy to become discouraged when we hear difficult stories about young people or see the challenges they face. But our hope has never rested in circumstances. Our hope is found in God. He is still changing lives. He is still calling people to Himself. He is still working through families, churches, schools, mentors, volunteers, and caring adults. The same God who has been faithful throughout history remains faithful today.

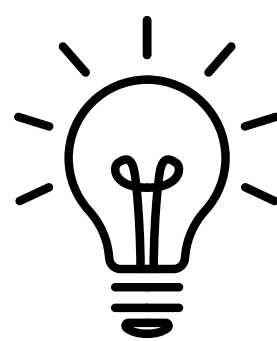
As this prayer journey nears its end, we choose hope. We believe God is at work in the lives of young people, often in ways we cannot yet see.

Prayer Points



- Thank God for His faithfulness.
- Pray with hope for the next generation.
- Pray for perseverance for those serving young people.
- Pray that God would continue transforming lives.
- Pray that His Kingdom would continue growing.

Take the Next Step



Take a few moments to thank God for the young people in your life and for the ways He is already at work around you.

40: Until Every Young Person Knows Jesus

“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:37–38

Reflection

We have prayed for students, families, educators, churches, communities, and the countless people who invest in the next generation. As this journey comes to a close, one prayer rises above all the rest: that every young person would come to know the hope, love, and transforming grace of Jesus Christ.

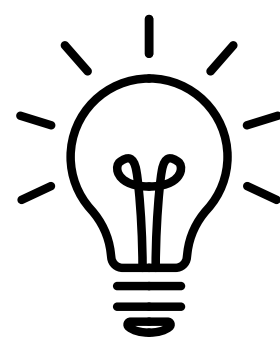
The need is great, but so is our God. He continues to call ordinary people to faithfully love, serve, mentor, encourage, and share the Good News with the next generation. Every prayer matters. Every act of kindness matters. Every conversation matters. God delights in using willing hearts to accomplish His purposes. May these forty ways be more than a devotional you've completed. May they become the beginning of a lifelong commitment to praying for and investing in the next generation. Together, may we continue to faithfully point young people to the One who offers lasting hope.

Prayer Points



- Thank God for His faithfulness throughout this journey.
- Pray that every young person would come to know Jesus.
- Pray for courage to continue investing in the next generation.
- Pray for churches, families, and ministries serving young people.
- Pray that God would accomplish immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine.

Take the Next Step



Choose one ongoing way you will continue investing in the next generation. Whether through prayer, mentoring, volunteering, giving, or simply encouraging a young person, commit it to God today.

Thank you for taking this journey with us.

No matter how you prayed through these 40 Ways, alone or in a group, daily or weekly, thank you for investing your time in prayer for the next generation.

While we may never fully know on this side of heaven how God has answered these prayers, we trust that He has been at work. Every prayer offered in faith is heard by a God who loves young people even more than we do.

As you finish this guide, we encourage you not to let these prayers end here. Continue praying for the students, families, educators, churches, and communities God has placed on your heart. Ask Him to show you how you might be part of the answer to those prayers, whether through encouragement, mentoring, volunteering, generosity, or simply being a caring adult in the life of a young person.

Before you close this guide, take a few moments to reflect.

What has God shown you as you have prayed?

Who has He placed on your heart?

How might He be inviting you to invest in the next generation this year?

We'd also love to hear how God has worked through this prayer journey.

Did a conversation begin because you were praying? Did God open a new opportunity to serve? Did He answer a specific prayer? Did this guide deepen your heart for young people or encourage your church, family, workplace, or small group?

Your story matters. As we celebrate what God is doing in the lives of young people across our community, your encouragement may inspire others to pray boldly, serve faithfully, and trust God to continue His work in the next generation.

Share your stories with us:
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**Thank you for joining us in praying
for the next generation.**

Together, let's continue believing
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than all we ask or imagine.

*"Now to him who is able to do
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that is at work within us, to him be
glory in the church and in Christ
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