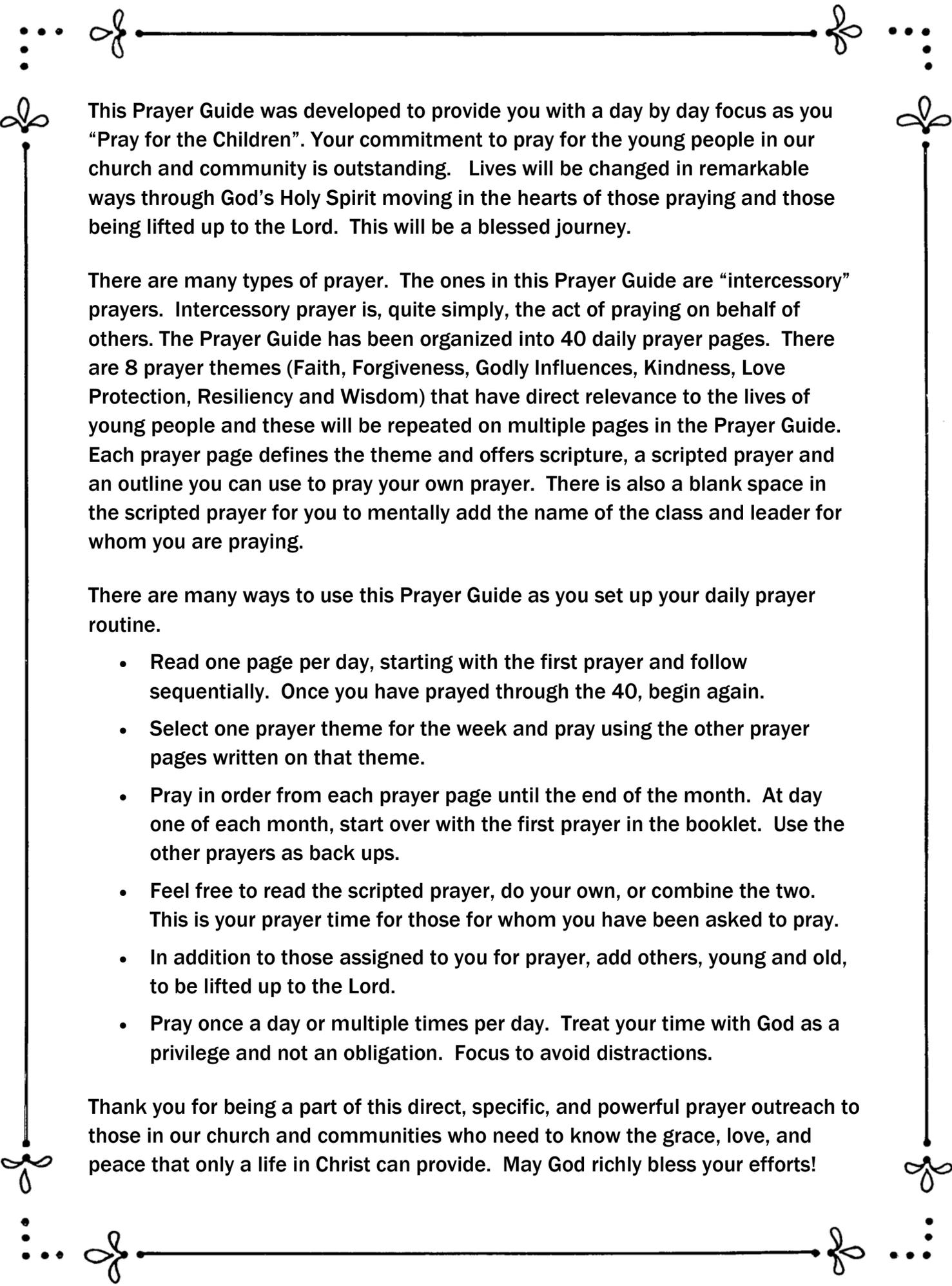


PRAY

for the

CHILDREN

A prayer guide from
the people of
McEachern Memorial
United Methodist Church



This Prayer Guide was developed to provide you with a day by day focus as you “Pray for the Children”. Your commitment to pray for the young people in our church and community is outstanding. Lives will be changed in remarkable ways through God’s Holy Spirit moving in the hearts of those praying and those being lifted up to the Lord. This will be a blessed journey.

There are many types of prayer. The ones in this Prayer Guide are “intercessory” prayers. Intercessory prayer is, quite simply, the act of praying on behalf of others. The Prayer Guide has been organized into 40 daily prayer pages. There are 8 prayer themes (Faith, Forgiveness, Godly Influences, Kindness, Love Protection, Resiliency and Wisdom) that have direct relevance to the lives of young people and these will be repeated on multiple pages in the Prayer Guide. Each prayer page defines the theme and offers scripture, a scripted prayer and an outline you can use to pray your own prayer. There is also a blank space in the scripted prayer for you to mentally add the name of the class and leader for whom you are praying.

There are many ways to use this Prayer Guide as you set up your daily prayer routine.

- Read one page per day, starting with the first prayer and follow sequentially. Once you have prayed through the 40, begin again.
- Select one prayer theme for the week and pray using the other prayer pages written on that theme.
- Pray in order from each prayer page until the end of the month. At day one of each month, start over with the first prayer in the booklet. Use the other prayers as back ups.
- Feel free to read the scripted prayer, do your own, or combine the two. This is your prayer time for those for whom you have been asked to pray.
- In addition to those assigned to you for prayer, add others, young and old, to be lifted up to the Lord.
- Pray once a day or multiple times per day. Treat your time with God as a privilege and not an obligation. Focus to avoid distractions.

Thank you for being a part of this direct, specific, and powerful prayer outreach to those in our church and communities who need to know the grace, love, and peace that only a life in Christ can provide. May God richly bless your efforts!

FAITH

What is FAITH?

FAITH is reliance, complete trust in God; believing in that which we cannot see.

Scripture Passage:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding, In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Pray This Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
Life today is so complex and confusing. I pray for **(your group and leader)** that you would give them faith in your ability to do all things, even in the midst of this complexity and confusion. As they grow, make them aware of your promises and increase their trust in you. Lead them to turn to you for guidance today. Reassure them that you are always with them and love them unconditionally. Give them faith to trust you for all their needs. Walk beside them today and guard their steps. In Jesus’ name – Amen.

Pray Your Own Prayer:

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around FAITH for your age group and leader.
- Pray for God’s specific promises and your specific hopes about FAITH for your age group and leader.
- Lift up anything else God has placed on your heart to pray for this group and leader.

FORGIVENESS

What is FORGIVENESS?

FORGIVENESS is to pardon sins. Sin is gone like erasing a whiteboard.

Scripture Passage:

“God makes us as clean as freshly fallen snow.” (Isaiah 1:18)

Pray This Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

I pray for **(your group and leader)** today. Forgive me for my indiscretions, pride and selfish behavior. Forgive me for not loving others as you have loved me. Forgive me for taking my eye off you. Create in me a clean heart O Lord and renew a right spirit within me. Amen

Pray Your Own Prayer:

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around FORGIVENESS for your age group and leader.
- Pray for God’s specific promises and your specific hopes about FORGIVENESS for your age group and leader.
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GODLY INFLUENCES

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Scripture Passage:

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” (Psalm 1:1-3)

Pray This Prayer:

Almighty God and Holy Father,
Only You can see the path that lays before us all. My earnest prayer to You, on behalf of **your group and leader** and myself, is that You, O Lord, not only fill our path with Godly influences but that You also help us to recognize the ungodly oppression that may creep into our hearts and minds seeking to rob us of the fruit of Your Spirit. May we boldly reject the advice of the wicked and never mock those who love You more than we do. Let our passion for You and Your law grow stronger every day, so that we may influence generations to come and glorify Your Name. I pray these things in the precious name of Your Son, Christ Jesus! Amen!

Pray Your Own Prayer:

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around GODLY INFLUENCES for your age group and leader.
- Pray for God’s specific promises and your specific hopes about GODLY INFLUENCES for your age group and leader.
- Lift up anything else God has placed on your heart to pray for this group and leader.

KINDNESS

What is KINDNESS?

KINDNESS is a favorable disposition; showing compassion, sympathy and understanding; gentleness

Scripture Passage:

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,
When I reflect on kindness, I think of you. I thank you for how you love us and how you showed us kindness by giving us your Son. Please help **(your group and leader)** to be known as those who are kind and loving to others. I pray that they will be quick to offer kind words to lift others up. Please fill their hearts with tenderness, gentleness and compassion. Amen.

Pray Your Own Prayer:

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around KINDNESS for your age group and leader.
- Pray for God’s specific promises and your specific hopes about KINDNESS for your age group and leader.
- Lift up anything else God has placed on your heart to pray for this group and leader.

LOVE

What is LOVE?

LOVE is a very strong and constant affection or devotion.

Scripture Passage:

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.” (Romans 12:9)

Pray This Prayer:

Lord,

Thank you for how you have loved **(your group and leader)**, and I ask that you teach them to love their brothers and sisters in Christ in the same way. I pray they feel your love as it surrounds them and they will be bold to reach out and share that love. Give them the courage to love and the open hearts to feel the love that is in their everyday lives. Give them the courage to cling to what is good and despise evil. May they know your love in a mighty way, in everything thing they do. Amen

Pray Your Own Prayer

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around LOVE for your age group and leader.
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PROTECTION

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PROTECTION is to be shielded from danger.

Scripture Passage:

“Now we hope for the blessings God has for His children. These blessings, which cannot be destroyed or be spoiled or lose their beauty, are kept in heaven for you. God’s power protects you through your faith until salvation is shown to you at the end of time.” (1 Peter 1: 4-5)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Lord,

What a beautiful promise we receive from Your word. You store blessings for Your children in heaven—where they can’t be destroyed or spoiled! I lift up **(your group and leader)**. I am so thankful that You are protecting their blessings. I pray that as you give them each blessing, they will recognize You as the giver. Protect each of them from the Evil One! Guard them from negativity, sadness, and anger. Shower them with love, hope, and gratitude. Help them to know that You are with them each step of the way, and You go before them, preparing their way. Help them feel security in the palm of Your hands. Thank You Lord for answering my prayers. In Jesus’ name-Amen

Pray Your Own Prayer:

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around PROTECTION for your age group and leader.
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RESILIENCY

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RESILIENCY is the ability to recover; even stronger and healthier after something bad happens or after experiencing misfortune or change.

Scripture Passage:

“Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I lift up **(your group and leader)** in prayer to you today. Life is so hard and things don’t usually work out the way I want them to. I know that bad things happen all the time and I don’t know what to do. I pray, Father, that you will hold my hand and help me to trust that You will get me through any trouble and that I will be a better person for it. Remind me that every day is a new day and that you walk beside me. Show me the way to help others to overcome their troubles and see a brighter day. Amen

Pray Your Own Prayer:

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around RESILIENCY for your age group and leader.
- Pray for God’s specific promises and your specific hopes about RESILIENCY for your age group and leader.
- Lift up anything else God has placed on your heart to pray for this group and leader.

WISDOM

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WISDOM is the ability to make good use of knowledge, recognize right from wrong; good sense; good judgment.

Scripture Passage:

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” (Colossians 4:5-6)

Pray This Prayer:

Father,
I lift up **(your group and leader)** in prayer today. Show us the wisdom You would have us know, in every situation. Help us use the understanding we gain, by extending Your grace to reach out to others with compassion and love. Amen

Pray Your Own Prayer:

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around WISDOM for your age group and leader.
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FAITH is reliance, complete trust in God; believing in that which we cannot see.

Scripture Passage:

*“I assure you that if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Go from here to there,’ and it will go. There will be nothing that you can’t do.”
(Matthew 17:20b)*

Pray This Prayer:

Eternally Faithful God,
So often we are filled with fear and doubt believing that the problems we face are insurmountable. We feel like there is nothing that we can do to change the events around us or the situations we face. I pray for **(your group and leader)** that you would give them the faith of a mustard seed and transform their hopelessness to the realization that with you they can endure and overcome whatever obstacles are in their path. May they be filled with hope that comes through peace rooted in a deep faith in your ability, God, to provide for our needs. May they know that in walking with you that nothing can separate them from your love and care. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Scripture Passage:

“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your father will not forgive your sins.” (Matthew 6:14-15)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Lord,

I lift up **(my group and leader)** to you today. I pray that I have the strength to forgive others. I pray that I have the strength to face this current situation and to let go any bitterness and anger I have towards others. Lord, please go to the area of my heart where this unforgiveness was and bring your healing! In Jesus name, Amen

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Scripture Passage:

“I urge you now to live the life to which God called you. Always be humble, gentle, and patient, accepting each other in love. You are joined together with peace through the Spirit, so make every effort to continue together in this way.” (Ephesians 4:1-3)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Lord,

I thank you for the gift of friendship. You are the greatest friend I could have! I am so grateful for the Christian friends you have given me to encourage me in my walk. Lord, today I lift up **(your group and leader)** that you would surround them with Godly influences. Lord, may they look around them and see You in each face. May they be surrounded with models of Your character. Lord, I know that when I am surrounded with Godly influences, it is so much easier to live a life of humility, gentleness, and patience. May those Godly influences encourage **(your group and leader)**, so that they feel a peace that surpasses all understanding! Lord, I thank you for answering my prayers! In Jesus' name-Amen

Pray Your Own Prayer:

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- Pray for God's specific promises and your specific hopes about GODLY INFLUENCES for your age group and leader.
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Scripture Passage:

“But I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. If you do this, you will be true children of your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:44-45)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Lord,

It is easy to be kind to our friends, but this scripture goes against all the world teaches. It is not easy to be kind to someone who doesn't return our kindness. Lord, I lift up **(your leader)**. I pray that he/she will show kindness to every student....even the toughest ones. As he/she loves those tough students, I pray that those children will grow to understand that Your love and kindness is greater than any misbehavior or mistakes they could make. Lord, I lift up **(your group)**. I pray that they will treat one another in kindness. I pray that the classroom will become a family to them. I pray they offer understanding and compassion to one another—even when it may not be offered to them in return. Thank you Lord for answering my prayers!
In Jesus' name-Amen

Pray Your Own Prayer:

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around KINDNESS for your age group and leader.
- Pray for God's specific promises and your specific hopes about KINDNESS for your age group and leader.
- Lift up anything else God has placed on your heart to pray for this group and leader.

LOVE

What is LOVE?

LOVE is a very strong and constant affection or devotion.

Scripture Passage:

“For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall never die, but have life eternal.” (John 3:16)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Lord,

We praise you for being our Savior and for having a plan to rescue us from the darkness of our sin before the foundation of the earth. Thank you Jesus for the love you first demonstrated on the cross so that we would know how to love. Help us to love others with a selfless love, a love that is unconditional, without judgment, or condemnation. Lord, help us to extend love to others until others see and understand the love that is for them in Jesus -fully, completely, and once and for all. Lord, I pray for **(your group and leader)** in our community as they relate to one another, that they put others before themselves and be willing to give up their own rights for the sake of unity, oneness, and wholeness. In the name of Jesus. Amen

Pray Your Own Prayer:

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
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PROTECTION

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PROTECTION is to be shielded from danger.

Scripture Passage:

*“The Lord will keep thee 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)*

Pray This Prayer:

God,

I pray for **(your group and leader)** today. I am full of fear and anxiety. Please protect me from my fears, real and imagined. Others hurt with their words and try to influence me to do things that put me in physical danger. Sometimes I even want to hurt myself. Guide my steps so that I am not influenced by the wrong people and make decisions that put me in physical or emotional danger. Bring peace and understanding to those who would harm me with their words, thoughts or actions. I don't know who else to turn to but I know You are always there. Hear my prayer and place Your protection over me. Amen.

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RESILIENCY is the ability to recover; even stronger and healthier after something bad happens and after experiencing misfortune or change.

Scripture Passage:

“He gives strength to those who are tired and more power to those who are weak. The people who trust the Lord will become strong again. They will rise up as an eagle in the sky; they will run and not need rest; they will walk and not become tired.” (Isaiah 40:29-31)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Lord,

Scripture reminds us that we gain our strength through You. In our society things are so busy and there are so many demands on our time. Often, the urgent things get in the way of what is important, and we find ourselves exhausted and depleted and wondering if it is all worth it. But Lord, the answer is in You. Lord, I lift up **(your group and leader)** to You. I pray that when they are feeling weary and exhausted, they find their strength in You. Help them find time each day to spend with You and honor that time by making the rest of their day productive and rewarding. Lord, I lift up the children. Many children endure hardships far beyond what we can imagine. I pray that school will be a safe place for these children, and they will feel Your love and peace. Offer your love, peace, patience, and strength through their teacher. Lord, I thank you for answering my prayers! In Jesus' name-Amen

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WISDOM

What is WISDOM?

WISDOM is the ability to make good use of knowledge, recognize right from wrong; good sense; good judgment.

Scripture Passage:

*“Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.”
(Proverbs 19:20)*

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Lord,

The people who surround us often provide us advice on how we should live our lives. But their advice is of this world and not from you, Lord. I pray for **(your group and leader)** that we truly listen and learn from you and we ask you to instill wisdom within our hearts and minds. Each day, we ask you Lord to provide us with the wisdom, strength, patience, and self-confidence to meet any challenge. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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FAITH

What is Faith?

FAITH means to believe or trust in something (or someone) which we cannot always see; we believe in God even though we can't see God.

Scripture Passage:

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."
(Hebrews 11:1)*

Pray This Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of faith. Sometimes it's difficult for us to believe in that which we can't see or touch. But we know you exist because we feel your presence in our lives and we see evidence of you all around us. It's like the wind, Father – we can't see the wind, but we can see the effects of the wind. I ask that you help **(your group and leader)** as they travel through their life's journeys. Even though they can't see you, may they look to you in the same way that a child looks to his/her primary caregiver/s (mom, dad, foster parent etc.) for care, nurturing and love. We humbly ask that you continue to walk beside them in all of their life's circumstances so that they can feel close to the One who loves them unconditionally. In Jesus' name, Amen

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Scripture Passage:

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear God,

I pray for **(your group and leader)** today. Thank you, God, for softening my heart to see that I need forgiveness for my sins. Thank you for loving me enough to have Jesus die on the cross for my sins. I accept you as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for washing and wiping away all my sins and making me clean. Dear Lord, soften my friends and leaders hearts that they may have their sins washed away. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Scripture Passage:

“Speak, Lord, for they servant heareth.” (1 Samuel 3:9)

Pray This Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

I lift up **(your group and leader)** in prayer today. O God, our loving heavenly Father, show us the purpose for our lives. Help us to listen quietly to the still small voice and be so sensitive to it that we may follow its guidance daily with confidence. In His name we pray. Amen.

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Scripture Passage:

“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” (Colossians 3:12)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your loving kindness. I pray for **(your group and leader)** to always be mindful of ways to show random acts of kindness to all they come in contact with. We know you are our example that we should follow. Please be with us and help us to show your loving kindness every chance we get. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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LOVE is a very strong and constant affection or devotion.

Scripture Passage:

*“Nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable – absolutely **nothing** can get between us and God’s love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.” (Romans 8:38-39)*

Pray This Prayer:

God,

I lift up **(your group and leader)** in prayer today. I want to be loved. Help me to remember all the people who do love me. And help me to know for certain that you made me and you love me. And help me to share love with others since this is what will make me truly happy. Amen.

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PROTECTION

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“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)

*“But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.”
(2 Thessalonians 3:3)*

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the blessings You've bestowed on us. You are the protector and the light. We entrust our children to You. They are Your gifts to us. I ask You to surround **(your group and leader)** with Your presence, and to shield them from harm. God, shed Your light upon our children and bathe them with the joy of Your redemption. Cover **(your group and leader)** with the power of the blood of Jesus. I ask You, Father, to assign Your holy angels to guard and protect them according to Your perfect will. Lord Jesus, I thank You for Your protection. By faith I receive Your protection for these children. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen

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Scripture Passage:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Father.

Help us all to burn these words onto our hearts. I pray for **(your group and leader)** today. It takes courage we can only receive from you to lead and guide children today. We need your strength to keep us from being frightened and dismayed. Let these your words remind us that even when we struggle, you are with us wherever we go and we can be resilient through all things. Thank you Father for this amazing promise and your everlasting love. Amen.

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Scripture Passage:

*“The Lord gives wisdom and from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.”
(Proverbs 2:6)*

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray for **(your group and leader)** today. Thank you, Lord, for always being with me and giving me the strength to make it through every day. May your words be forever in my mind in all that I do and say. I will follow you in the way you want me to go as you are in control of all the decisions that I make. It is through your words of love that I make the decisions that will guide my life. I know you walk with me every day. I praise you and love you. In your most Holy name. Amen.

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- Pray for God’s specific promises and your specific hopes about WISDOM for your age group and leader.
- Lift up anything else God has placed on your heart to pray for this group and leader.

FAITH

What is FAITH?

FAITH is reliance, complete trust in God; believing in that which we cannot see.

Scripture Passage:

*“Faith comes by hearing the message, and the message is heard by the word of Christ.”
(Romans 10:17)*

Pray This Prayer:

We thank you, Lord, that even our faith is your gift to us as we listen to your Word. As we come to know you more by reading our Bibles daily, we will come to trust you.

Draw us, Lord, to spend time with you.

Help us to hear you speaking.

Help us to know you better, to trust you more, and in faith, to obey what you tell us to do. We cannot conjure up our faith, but we can strengthen it. Just as we strengthen our physical bodies through exercise so, too, we strengthen our faith by exercising it day by day as we act in obedience to your Word. O, Lord, that **(your group and leader)** would know you better and trust you more. Amen

Pray Your Own Prayer:

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FORGIVENESS

What is FORGIVENESS?

FORGIVENESS is to pardon sins. Sin is gone like erasing a whiteboard.

Scripture Passage:

*“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.”
(Ephesians 4:32)*

Pray This Prayer:

Lord, God Our Father,
You have forgiven us through your son. Not because of our good works, but because of Jesus’ love. As I pray for **(your group and leader)**, please give them your love in their hearts so they can forgive others as you have forgiven them. Please give the children courage and guidance to make the best decisions and to fill their hearts and minds with good thoughts. Please bless these children all day long and forgive them of all wrongs. Amen.

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GODLY INFLUENCES

What are GODLY INFLUENCES?

GODLY INFLUENCES are persons and things of Christian character and spiritual disciplines; fruits of the spirit (joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control).

Scripture Passage:

“But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”
(1 Timothy 6:11-12)

Pray this prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We know there are many temptations in our world to fall into a trap and into foolish and harmful desires. I pray for **(your group and leader)** that they would be quick to recognize ungodly influence and run from evil and pursue a righteous life taking hold of Your hand, Father. You will be their strength and shield to stand against ungodly influences and peer pressures. Encourage them to stand for what is right in Your eyes even when it is not easy to endure. Father, surround them with Godly influences who will support them to fight the good fight of faith. I pray that they would be a light to others and multiply their influence for You. In Jesus' name - Amen

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KINDNESS

What is KINDNESS?

KINDNESS is a favorable disposition; showing compassion, sympathy and understanding; gentleness

Scripture Passage:

“Now swear to me here before God that you will not deal falsely with me or my children or my descendants. Show to me and the country where you now reside as a foreigner the same kindness I have shown to you.” (Genesis 21:23)

Pray This Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
In society today it is so hard to show kindness. I pray for **(your group and leader)** that they would be able to show your kindness through themselves and into other people. Even when life can seem very difficult, allow them to overcome the obstacles and show kindness to the people that really need it. Allow their kindness to impact other people’s lives and to further their relationship in you. In Jesus’ name - Amen

Pray Your Own Prayer:

- Lift up your group and leader by name.
- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around KINDNESS for your age group and leader.
- Pray for God’s specific promises and your specific hopes about KINDNESS for your age group and leader.
- Lift up anything else God has placed on your heart to pray for this group and leader.

LOVE

What is LOVE?

LOVE is a very strong and constant affection or devotion.

Scripture Passage:

“Suppose I speak in the languages of human beings and of angels. If I don’t have love, I am only a loud gong or a noisy cymbal. Suppose I have the gift of prophecy. Suppose I can understand all the secret things of God and know everything about Him. And suppose I have enough faith to move mountains. If I don’t have love, I am nothing at all. Suppose I give everything I have to poor people. And suppose I give my body to be burned. If I don’t have love, I get nothing at all. Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It is not rude. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people’s wrongs. Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up. Love never fails.” (1Corinthians 13:1-8a)

Pray This Prayer:

God,

Thank you for loving us! Help us to remember to be loving in all of our actions. Grant wisdom that **(your group and leader)** come to know Your truth. As they come to know Your wisdom, grant them the ability to teach and understand it with clarity and power. May the truth that they teach transform students so that they, too, might love and Worship You as they obey Your Holy Word. Strengthen them. May their weakness be Your strength. When they grow tired, give them faith in themselves and more importantly, faith in You. Lord, help me to know that with You by my side, no journey is too long and no mountain is too steep. Keep us mindful, Lord, of the glorious victory that awaits those who put their undying trust in You. We ask these things in Your Son’s Most Holy and Precious Name, Amen.

Pray Your Own Prayer:

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- Pray for the specific needs and concerns around LOVE for your age group and leader.
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PROTECTION

What is PROTECTION?

PROTECTION is to be shielded from danger.

Scripture Passage:

“The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him.” (Nahum 1:7)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear Lord,

I pray today that

The Light of God surrounds **(your group and leader)**. The Love of God enfolds them.

The Power of God protects them. The Presence of God watches over them.

The Mind of God guides them. The Life of God flows through them.

The Laws of God direct them. The Power of God abides within them.

The Joy of God uplifts them.

The Strength of God renews them.

The Beauty of God inspires them.

Wherever **(your group and leader)** are, God is!*

Be with these children and their leader as they travel through life. Protect them as a shepherd protects his sheep. Amen.

*This prayer was adapted from a prayer written by James Freeman for all soldiers during World War II. It is as powerful today as it was then.

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RESILIENCY

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RESILIENCY is the ability to recover; even stronger and healthier after something bad happens or after experiencing misfortune or change.

Scripture Passage:

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

Pray This Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
Life brings us many challenges. I pray for **(your group and leader)** that you would give them the strength to face these difficult times. With your love and wisdom, guide them with the courage to continue on their journey. Give them the knowledge that your presence is always there for support and comfort. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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WISDOM

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WISDOM is the ability to make good use of knowledge, recognize right from wrong; good sense; good judgment.

Scripture Passage:

“But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell?” (Job 28:12)

“And he said to the human race, ‘The fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding.’ ” (Job 28:28)

Pray This Prayer:

Holy Father,

Every day we are faced with challenges, with difficult decisions that can affect our lives forever. We encounter situations where we have the knowledge to cope, but peer pressure can lead us to make poor decisions. I pray (**your group or leader**) will have the wisdom to make the right decisions when faced with difficult circumstances. Scripture tells us the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. I pray that God will grant His wisdom, that (**your group or leader**) will seek God and His blessings, follow His decrees and ask for the wisdom that only God can grant, for He gives freely to those who ask. For the glory of Christ. Amen.

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FAITH is reliance, complete trust in God; believing in that which we cannot see.

Scripture Passage:

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.” (1 John 5:4)

Pray This Prayer:

Dear God,

May we claim the victory that overcomes the world. For without faith, it is impossible to please you and through faith, mountains can be moved. Let us rest in the security of your power and the hope of your promises. Convict us of your Lordship. We pray that **(your group and leader)** will lay before you their doubts, fears, excuses, struggles, control issues, and disbelief. And as we release these, may our childlike faith in you become unshakeable. Amen.

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FORGIVENESS

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FORGIVENESS is giving up the desire to punish. Sin is gone like erasing a whiteboard.

Scripture Passage:

*“The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him.”
(Daniel 9:9)*

Pray This Prayer:

Lord,
I lift up **(your group and leader)** to you today in prayer. I know there are so many things in my life that do not line up with the way you would have me to live. Help me, today, recognize those things, and to know you are a forgiving God who desires I be freed from them. Let me live in your forgiveness, and help me model that in the way I treat others in offering the same forgiveness and compassion. In Jesus Name. Amen

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Scripture Passage:

“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)

Pray This Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
Because of Jesus we live and move and have our being in You. You are the great provider of every good and perfect gift in our lives. Your amazing love influences and compels us to be Your people and to do Your will. Much of this influence is experienced through relationships You bring into our lives. I pray that You would bring godly influence into the life of **(your group and leader)** that would move their hearts to Yours. At whatever stage in life, provide persons of influence who embody Godly character, bring life-giving encouragement, and model the riches of Your love and grace. May this investment take root in the life of **(your group and leader)** so Your influence will be passed on to others. May these transactions produce eternal fruit that spreads the riches of Your love from one generation to another.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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Dear Lord,

I lift up **(your group and leader)** in prayer to you today. Please give us a spirit of kindness that moves us to see others through your eyes. Amen.

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Pray This Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I pray today that **(your group and leader)** will live out your command to love one another. Let them personally feel your love for them each day at home and at school. Give them strength to love others who seem unlovable just as you always love us, no matter how unloving we may sometimes be. Help them always remember when they obey this command to love others, they show the world they are disciples of Christ. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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Pray This Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

I pray for **(your group and leader)** today. Thank you for the spirit You have given us through Your son Jesus Christ. I pray that when and where we are afraid, You would increase our courage. When we tremble You would strengthen us, and when we find ourselves in situations that seem to have no solution that we would be wise enough to lean on Your words and know that You will never fail us or forsake us. Amen

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“And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

Pray This Prayer:

Only You, O LORD, have the knowledge and power to create order from chaos, strength from weakness and blessings from curses. I am grateful and amazed that in ALL things, not just *some* things, You work for the good of those who love You. My prayer to You today, on behalf of **(your group and leader)** and myself, is that You fill our hearts with so much trust and love for You that we may never feel that our troubles are meaningless or beyond Your ability to deliver us. May we feel confident that no part of our lives is wasted. Let us always remember that if we humbly seek to please You in all that we do, You will lift us up, strengthen us, and use us to glorify Your Son. For it is in His mighty Name that I pray. Amen. (Psalm 50:15; James 4:10)

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(Proverbs 1:7)*

Pray This Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,

We thank you for your faithfulness and we pray that as we come to you, you will be honored and be glorified in every facet of our lives. We thank you for your Son Jesus Christ who is the source of all wisdom, all strength and all knowledge. We ask that you would anoint (**your group and leader**) with your Spirit and fill their hearts with the wisdom to live for you and guide them to glorify your Name.

We pray that just as Solomon prayed for wisdom from above to guide him in his work as the king of Israel, that you would also give our leaders and us the ability to plead for that wisdom to be imparted into our own lives so that we may live for you. We also pray that you give us the ability to know what to do in the difficult challenges that we face today.

Thank you loving us, sending your Son and anointing us with your Spirit to live in the light of the gospel despite the great darkness that surrounds our world today. We ask that you will continue to do the good work that you have started in our lives so that we can align ourselves with your purposes, plans and desires for us. Let us be victorious in every challenge and be filled with just the right words of wisdom at the right time for this generation. Amen!

Pray Your Own Prayer:

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ADDITIONAL PRAYER SUPPORT INFORMATION

Biblical Guidance on Prayer

What is prayer?

(Jeremiah 31:3, 33:3, Isaiah 54:10, 1 John 4:19)

Why should I pray?

(Psalm 8:2, Psalms 147:11, John 15:7, 16, James 4:2, 5:16, 1 John 1:9, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Where should I pray?

(Luke 5:16, Matthew 6:5-8)

When should I pray?

(Mark 1:35, Mark 6:46, Luke 6:12, Ephesians 6:18, Philippians 4:6-7, James 1:5-6, 5:13, Proverbs 3:5-6)

What should I pray?

(Psalms 27:14, 31:24, Romans 8:26, James 5:16, Luke 22:40)

How should I pray?

(Luke 11:1-4, 9-13, Philippians 4:6, Mark 11:24, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Matthew 6:6-8, 26:41, Ephesians 6:18, Colossians 4:2)

The A.C.T.S. Method of Prayer

There is no formula to prayer – it is simply talking with God. In this model, each letter of the word “ACTS” guides you in your conversation with God.

- **Adoration:** Begin your time of prayer by giving God praise and honor for who he is as Lord over all.
- **Confession:** Ask God to forgive you for what you have said, thought or done that is not pleasing to him and then believe that He does so freely.
- **Thanksgiving:** Verbalize what you're grateful for in your life and in the world around you.
- **Supplication:** Pray for the needs of others and yourself.

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Chapel**

**9:30 am Traditional Worship
Sanctuary**

**11 am Traditional Worship
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**11 am Contemporary Worship (Foundry)
Christian Life Center Great Room**

**11 am Latino Worship
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