

IDEAS TO GROW PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN

BIRTHDAY PRAYER BOARD

Put up a wall calendar and ask the young people and leaders to write their names beside their date of birth. Include other members from the congregation if you wish and any significant dates from the congregation and youth group calendar. Each week use this visual prompt to stimulate small group prayer for individuals and activities.

PASS THE HAT

Ask everyone in the group to put their name on a piece of paper. Place the pieces of paper into a hat or another convenient container. Then pass the hat around the group and ask each young person to take out a piece of paper. Encourage them to pray for that person during the coming week.



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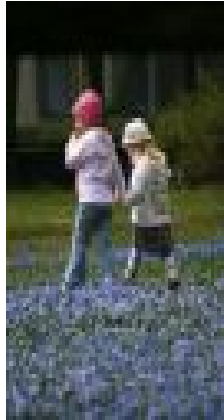
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OCTOBER 22-24, 2010

If you can't join us on October 22-24, 2010, set aside another special time to participate in praying. Please continue to pray throughout the year.



Grant our children humility in their victory and dignity in defeat

Build a culture of prayer. Ask for prayer requests from young people and then pray individually or as a group for each request. Encourage adults in a faith community, school, service organization, or community to participate. This will make adults mindful of the issues facing young people.

ADULT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, the world is filled with beautiful people, all of whom are your children. As the children of the world go out today may your loving protection go ahead of them, be behind them, hover over them and stand beside them. As adults, fill us with sensitivity and insight that we may understand the best ways to guide our children so they may grow in your wisdom and love .

Amen

**PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN'S
2010 Mission**

Take Time To Pray

Pray to protect youth from alcohol and other drug use and violence. Pray for them to make healthy choices and to give them the ability to reach their full potential.

Pray It Forward

Pray It Forward grows prayers by each person praying for three others (1-3-9-27-81-243-729-2,187 and on and on). Take Action! By doing this you will help contribute to the growth of prayers for our most valuable resource, our children.



This day protect them from danger, disease, and trauma

Good News: A recent study found that the “Faith Factor” was

most influential in avoiding drug abuse, alcoholism, and crime. It reduces at risk behavior in youth. The “Faith Factor” encourages positive healthy development.

- Past year marijuana use has increased 19 percent by teens in grades 9-12 according to the 2009 Partnership Attitude Tracking Study. Teens are getting messages that there are benefits to use and acceptability.
- Marijuana use can compromise academic success by impairing learning, memory, abstract thinking and problem solving, and it can lead to poor attendance, dropping out of school, delinquency, and behavioral problems.
- Marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug

YOUTH PRAYER

Take Time to Pray for a Friend

Father I ask you to bless my friends, where there is pain give mercy, where there is doubt release confidence. I pray for those who struggle with pressure. Send courage and strength to my friends and others in my community.

Amen

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