

Prayer Topic:

A Declaration of Holiness for Our Youth

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 100, Romans 1:18-32

Reflections of the Heart:

Adolescence is a difficult but critical time in a child's life. During these years, young people begin to explore and experiment with different things and people as they try to learn who they are. Let's pray that our youth will allow the Word of God to sculpt and mold them.

Scriptural Prayer:

Loving Father, we thank You for our youth. Thank You for knowing each of them intimately. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to be their Helper and Teacher. Thank You for blessing our youth socially, academically, relationally and emotionally. Father, we sing praises to You, our God and strength. We will sing, beat the tambourine and play the sweet lyre and harp. Your dwelling place is lovely. We faint with longing to enter Your courts with our whole beings, bodies and souls. We will shout joyfully to You, the living God.

Sovereign King, we confess that our youth will truly understand that their bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. They will give their bodies to You and will be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind You will find acceptable, for this is truly the way to worship You. They will not copy the illicit behavior and customs of this world, but they will let You, Father, transform them into new people by changing the way they think. Our youth will learn and grow in Your Word. They will know Your will for them, which is good and pleasing and perfect. We decree that they will know You and all of Your fullness. They will worship You and be thankful. Our youth will not do vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. They will not trade the truth about You for a lie. They will not worship the things You have created, instead of You, the Creator, and they will not be abandoned to shameful desires. In Jesus' Name, we declare that our daughters will not lust for other girls and our sons will not burn with lust for other boys. Matter of fact, our sons and daughters will not have sex until they marry. We cancel every generational curse of perversion. We decree that our youth will not partake in pornography, fornication, homosexuality, bestiality, or any other sexual perversion. We confess that they will unashamedly run from sexual sin.

I commit to praying for the following youth this month:

Holy Spirit, our Deliverer, some of our youth are ensnared by the sexual perversions of this world. Please remove the scales from their eyes and circumcise their hearts so that they can see themselves reflected in God's Word. Remind them that they are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, Your very own possession. Deliver them from the shame and anger that perversion and sin creates in their hearts and minds. Remind them that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus and that nothing can ever separate them from the Father's love that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Help our youth to make Godly choices. Convict them when they watch, read, listen to and visit internet sites that are ungodly. Surround them with strong Christian friends who will support them and hold them accountable when they are wrong. Lead them to people who love Christ more than culture. Empower our youth to resist peer pressure. Holy Spirit, help our parents to be actively involved in their children's lives. Help them to create holy, positive home environments for their children and youth.

Merciful Father, forgive our youth for any sexual sin they have participated in including pornography, fornication, oral sex, homosexuality, and taking inappropriate pictures of themselves. Forgive those who do not value their bodies. Forgive those parents and guardians who have not created holy environments in their homes and lived as models of righteousness and integrity. Forgive those single parents who are not living celibate lives. Forgive those parents who allow their boyfriends and girlfriends to spend the night in the home where their children live. Forgive those married parents who are engaged in extra-marital affairs. Forgive those

parents who are involved with pornography and have made pornographic material accessible to their children and youth. Forgive us, as the Body of Christ, for turning a blind eye to what our children and youth are doing. Forgive us for not openly discussing sexual purity with our youth. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind our youth of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help our youth to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Almighty God, You are the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to You who sits on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: John 14:26, Psalm 81:1-2, Psalm 84:1-2, Romans 12:1-2, Romans 1:21,24-27, I Corinthians 6:18, Acts 9:18, Deuteronomy 10:16, I Peter 2:9, Romans 8:1,39, Matthew 6:13, Revelation 22:13, Revelation 5:13

Today I will trust God to:

Prayer Topic:

A Prayer for Godly Friends for Our Children and Youth

Scripture Reading:

Psalms 95:1-7, I Samuel 18:1-4, John 15:12-17

Reflections of the Heart:

“The only way to have a friend is to be one.” Ralph Waldo Emerson, American philosopher and poet.

Scriptural Prayer:

Gracious God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus Christ to be our Lord, Savior and Friend. Thank You for creating the gift of friendship and blessing us with godly relationships. Thank You for calling us Your friends. We are honored to be Your friend. Abba Father, Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how we praise You! We will praise You as long as we live, lifting up our hands to You in prayer. We will praise Your Name with singing, and we will honor You with thanksgiving. We give thanks to You because You are near. People everywhere will tell of Your wonderful deeds.

Heavenly Father, we confess that it is Your will that our children and youth develop and maintain godly, healthy friendships. Your Word declares that two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one falls, the other can reach out and help; but someone who falls alone is in real trouble. We declare that our children and youth will have godly friends who will seek first Your Kingdom above all else, and live righteously so that they will receive from You all that they need. We proclaim that their friends will love You, Lord, with all of their hearts, souls, minds and strength and they will love our children and youth as they love themselves. We decree that the parents and guardians of our youth and children will model friendships that are wholesome and godly so that they will understand what friendship really looks like. In Jesus' Name, we cancel every toxic friendship and destroy the assignments of the devil against our children and youth. We confess that our young people will not follow the advice of the wicked, stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

I will pray for the following children and youth to find and maintain healthy, Godly friendships:

Loving Father, some of our children and youth struggle when it comes to making friends. Holy Spirit, please help them to walk in the love of Christ and draw godly friends to themselves. In their quest for friendship, help our children and youth to love themselves. Instruct our parents and guardians on how to help their child or youth to see themselves through the Father's eyes. Give them the words to be able to help their child or youth to understand how precious Your thoughts are towards them. As they grow in self-esteem and self-worth, help them to grow in boldness and confidence in the way that they carry themselves so that they will attract godly, positive people into their lives. Help our children and youth to be kind, fair, and friendly.

Merciful Father, forgive our children and youth if they have intentionally isolated other students or made others to feel inferior. Forgive them for succumbing to peer pressure in their desire to fit in with a certain group of people. Forgive our parents and guardians for not teaching their children how to be good friends and affirming them in Your Word. Forgive them if they have belittled or made light of their child or youth's desire to have friends. As for me, Lord, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind our children and youth of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help our children and youth to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Glorious King, You are honored in Judah; Your Name is great in Israel. You are glorious and more majestic than the everlasting mountains. You are the King of Glory; the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord invincible in battle! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 63:3-4, Psalm 69:30, Psalm 75:1, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, Matthew 6:33, Mark 12:30-31, Psalm 1:1, Psalm 139:17, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 76:1,4, Psalm 24:8

Today I will trust God to:

Prayer Topic:

A Prayer for Youth Who Were Incarcerated

Scripture Reading:

Job 36:22-33, Genesis 39

Reflections of the Heart:

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.” *Romans 8:1*

Scriptural Prayer:

Our Father, we thank You for being a God of grace and mercy. Thank You for protecting our friends, family members and loved ones who were incarcerated. Thank You for Your faithful love which endures forever. Lord of Heaven’s Armies, You are our strength and our song; You have given us victory! You are our God and we will praise You. Lord, You are a warrior; Yahweh is Your Name. Your right hand is glorious in power and smashes the enemy. O Lord, who is like You among the gods? You are glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor and You perform great wonders.

Forgiving Father, we commit loved ones who were incarcerated to You. We confess that as they trust in You and give You their lives that You will be with them and not allow them to be disgraced nor will You let their enemies rejoice in their defeat. We declare that You will show them the right path and point out the road for them to follow. We decree that they will be obedient and allow Your truth to lead and teach them. We confess that it is in You and You alone that they will put their hope. We declare a hedge of protection around our loved ones and that no weapon formed against them will prosper. We confess that they will not follow the advice of the wicked, nor stand around with sinners, neither will they join in with mockers. But, they will delight in Your Word, Father, and meditate on it day and night. They will make You, Lord, their refuge and their place of safety. They will be rescued from every trap that is laid before them and protected from deadly disease. They will not fear the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. They will lie down and sleep at night and wake up in safety because You are watching over them.

List the youth that you know who were incarcerated and commit to praying for them this month:

Holy Spirit, please encourage those who have become discouraged. Remind them that the Father is forever with them, He will never leave nor abandon them. For those youth who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, please send laborers to speak the Good News of the Gospel to them so that they will receive and confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that You raised Christ from the dead, so that they will be saved. For those who were wrongfully imprisoned, we ask that You would bring truth and revelation to their cases and open doors for them to be released. Please strengthen their faith in the Father and draw them closer to Him. Please comfort, strengthen and encourage the family members, especially the parents. Heal their hearts and mend any wound that has been created in their life. Please protect our youth from the evil words and comments that society may attempt to put upon them. Please destroy every generational cycle of incarceration within our families and community.

Faithful Father, we ask You to forgive the sins of those who were incarcerated. Forgive them for making wrong choices and bad decisions. Forgive them for trusting in their ways instead of Yours. Forgive those who hold unforgiveness, anger, bitterness and resentment. Forgive our judicial system for wrongfully imprisoning the innocent. Forgive those of us who have judged them wrongfully. Forgive those of us who have helped them make poor choices by not teaching them Your ways. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that you have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind our youth who were incarcerated of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, “I forgive name of person(s).” Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Merciful King, help our youth who were incarcerated to not yield to temptation; but deliver them from the evil one.

Almighty Lord, You alone are God. You are the First and the Last. It was Your hand that laid the foundations of the earth; Your right hand spread out the heavens above. When You call the stars, they all appear in order. You are holy, holy, holy, the Lord of Heaven's Armies; the whole earth is filled with Your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 136:1, Exodus 15:2-3,6,11, Psalm 25:1-2,4-5, Job 1:10, Isaiah 54:17, Psalm 1:1-2, Psalm 91:2-3,5, Hebrews 13:5, Romans 10:9, Matthew 6:13, Isaiah 48:12-13, Isaiah 6:3

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