

Prayer Petition #:
A Prayer for Your Middle School Youth

Scripture Reading:
Psalms 145, Daniel 3, Ecclesiastes 3

Reflections of the Heart:

With the onset of puberty and the concern with popularity, the transition from elementary school to middle school, from childhood to adolescence, is a season when satan attempts to distract our children from purity and purpose, but **Praying Parents are Powerful!** As you intercede and personalize this prayer, know that you are partnering with and activating God's word in your child's life. Expect your child to benefit: to walk in obedience, to stand firm and be the righteousness of God, to make correct godly choices with boldness and courage, and to have favor both with the Lord and men.

Scriptural Prayer:

Father, we praise You, Lord, from the earth. Both young men and maidens, old men and children praise Your name. We praise the name of the Lord for Your name alone is exalted. Your glory is above the earth and heaven. You have exalted our strength and praise. We praise You for Your mighty acts. We praise You according to Your excellent greatness. Father, I thank You for the Youth of Windsor Village UMC. I thank You for all the wonderful youth and family support systems, ministries, and people that You offer through my Church Family: Leona Ellis, Lorna Patterson, Minister Ray Bady and family (more). Thank You, for protecting [child's name] and making [his/her] ways prosperous. Thank You for this special time of growth and development in [child's name]'s life.

Praying God's Word

Father, let Your will be done in my child's life. I decree and declare that Your Sozo Salvation manifest in [child's name]'s life. [He/she] is holistically whole: that every aspect of salvation is evident in every part of [his/her] life—spiritually, academically, relationally, emotionally, and physically.

Spiritually

Father, let Your will be done in [child's name] life. I declare that [child's name] seeks the Kingdom of God above all else, and lives righteously, and because of [his/her] obedience You are giving [him/her] everything [he/she] needs. I decree that (he/she) binds mercy and truth around (his/her) neck and writes them on the tablets of (his/her) heart. I command that [child's name] grows into the full knowledge of Jesus and confess with (his/her) mouth that He is [child's name]'s Lord and Savior, so that he/she comprehends the breath, length, height, and depth of the Christ's love for (him/her). I decree and declare that [child's name] knows that You, Lord, love her and she loves You with all her heart, mind, soul, and strength.

I proclaim that [child's name] has the boldness and courage of a Daniel, who refused to bow down to a false god even at the risk of his own life. [Child's name] will choose Christ over culture. [Child's name] chooses the ways God even if Your ways go against the cultural, societal, and peer norms. Like Daniel, [child's name] will not bow down to false gods such as negative ungodly peer pressure, sexual sins, or illicit drug use. As [child's name]'s parent, I command that [he/she] resists sin and stand on Your word. [Child's name] stands firm against the wiles of the evil one. [Child's name] is strong, courageous, and is careful to obey all of Your commands. Because of this [he/she] will be successful in everything [he/she] does. [Child's name] is not frightened or discouraged because You, Lord, go with [child's name] wherever [he/she] goes.

Academically

Lord, I am expecting You to give [child's name] a Daniel anointing in order for [him/her] to excel academically. [Child's name] is well versed in every branch of learning: literature, science, mathematics, and the fine arts. [He/she] is gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and is well suited to be the movers and shakers, the power brokers, or the influential leaders of our society. I declare that [child's name] has a wonderful work ethic and studies to show [himself/herself] approved. Father, I believe that You are blessing [child's name] with favor that surrounds [him/her] like a shield. [He/She] wants to do [his/her] best even when ridiculed. [Child's name] turns the tide and is the thermostat and encourages others to do their best.

Relationships

Family

Father, I understand that a strong, loving, godly family will help to support [child's name] during this stage in [his/her] life, thus I declare that we as family are a tight unit who loves each other. [Child's name] obeys her parents so that all will be right with her. We, her parents will not provoke her to anger, but will bring her up in the discipline and instruction that comes from You, Lord. We as a family will help to facilitate her gifts and talents. [Child's name]'s siblings love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other. Romans 12:10. They are of one mind, having compassion for one another, loving each other as brothers and sisters. First Peter 3:8. I decree that [his/her] siblings understand that they were born to help in a time of need. Proverbs 17:17

Friends

Father, I know that friendships are very important in [child's name] life. You care about the company that [he/she] keeps and that [his/her] friends influence [him/her]. I decree that [child's name] has friends like, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, who stood with Daniel in the fiery furnace and who have the same values. [Child's name] chooses [his/her] friends carefully so that the wicked will not lead [him/her] astray. Proverbs 12:26. [He/She] does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly nor stands in the path of sinners or sits in the seat of the scornful. Psalm 1

Physically

I decree and declare [child's name] that knows [his/her] body the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 cor 6:19-20 [He/She] glorifies God in [his/her] body by eating healthy food and regularly exercising. 1 cor 10:31 [child's name] does not defile [his/her] body by contaminating it with excessive junk food. [Child's name] has a healthy body image and does not submit to any eating disorders like anorexia, bulimia, overeating. [Child's name] is balanced.

Praying for Your Needs

Holy Spirit, as [child's name] matures both physically and spiritually, make [his/her] mind sharp and increase [his/her] discernment so that [he/she] hears Your voice and the voice of another [he/she] will not follow. As [his/her] body develops and hormones activate, help [him/her] process normal God-given feelings of change -- physically, sexually, emotionally in a Christ-like manner. Give me the communication skills I need as the parent, to approach these delicate, yet important conversations from Your perspective.

Continue to help [child's name] academically by increasing [his/her] love of learning, making [child's name] an independent learner, and showing her practical God glorifying applications of knowledge. Please help her discern Your truth from world views and man's philosophy. As for friends, help [him/her] select and put the right people in [his/her] path so has solid spiritual God fearing friends who will not influence her to comprise the Gospel. Remove those who are close to [child's name] who are satanic attachments. As for family, turn the hearts of the parents and youth back to one another and strength our family ties. Show us ways to properly communicate and enjoy each other. Strengthen my parenting still so that help [child's name] during this phase in [his/her] life. Help [him/her] to make proper nutritional choices and get the required rest and exercise. Protect [child's name] and bless [him/her] so that [he/she] fulfills Your will and purpose for [his/her] life.

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to develop child's unique gifts and talents.

Father, forgive [him/her] for rebelling and disrespecting parents, teachers, and elders. Forgive [him/her] for not obeying the instructions of [his/her] parents. Forgive us as a family for not representing the Kingdom of God in our home. Forgive [child's name] for causing strife within our family. Forgive [him/her] for using profanity, viewing movies and books of pornography, not studying, fornication, gossiping, ridiculing of others, and not representing the Kingdom of God at school. Forgive us as parents for not training [child's name] in Your ways and for provoking [him/her] to anger by falsely accusing them, cursing them, and using profanity toward them.

Lord, forgive us as a Church Family for not helping our parents and youth. For it takes a village to raise a child. Lord, remind our parents and youth to forgive one another and others; and help them to forgive.

Help [child's name] to forgive those who, with racial motivation, ridicule [him/her] as [he/she] strives for academic excellence. Forgive them for equating academic excellence with "whiteness"/color instead of equating it with You.

Help [child's name] to forgive others: for those who have ridiculed [child's name], and called [him/her] names like a punk, nerd, or "Oreo cookie" because [he/she] spoke properly and excelled academically.

Lead [child's name] not into temptation; but, deliver [him/her] from all evil.

Lord, Your Word is forever settled in heaven. Your way is perfect. There is no God like You. Your Word is flawless and You are a shield, a fortress and a place of refuge. You are exalted in perfect faithfulness. You have done marvelous things. We give praise to You, the God who is strong. To You, the only wise God, be the glory, majesty, dominion and power both now and forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: Psalm 148:7,12-14, Psalm 150:2, Matthew 6:33, Proverbs 3:3-5, Ephesians 3:14-19, Daniel 1:17-20, Psalms 5:12, Luke 2:52, Colossians 1:8-10, Malachi 4:6, Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 6:4, Isaiah 50:4, Psalm 128, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 119:89, Jude 1: 24-25

Today, I will trust God to:
