YTH WKND 2024 PRAYER GUIDE

February 18-26, 2024

Hello!

Thank you for committing to pray for YTH WKND this year! I am so grateful for your partnership as we prepare for God to move in the lives of middle and high school students during YTH WKND. We do our best to create a compelling environment with lights, sound, games, and more, but none of those things take the place of God moving by His Spirit according to His will in response to the prayers of His people.

God can save, call, or challenge our students at any time, on any day, at any place. However, I believe the reason we see God move so powerfully at events like YTH WKND is because we've consecrated these three days for Him. For three days, we've set apart our time, our energy, and our attention specifically to hear from and worship the Lord. We're not expecting big things just because we planned an event. We're expecting a move of His Spirit because that's what happens when God's people consecrate themselves (Joshua 3:5).

Would you please set aside a special time each day to pray for the next nine days? Please set a reminder on your phone to prompt you to head to this list and lift up that day's focus. We're excited to see how God honors the prayers of His people (James 5:16).

Thank you again,

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Day 1 | Sunday, February 18th, 2024

Please begin these nine days of prayer by asking God to prepare the hearts of our students to hear from Him and respond in faith. If you know some of them by name, please lift them up specifically. Scripture says that no one can come to Christ unless they're drawn by the Father. Please ask the Lord to bless them, grow them, comfort them, encourage them, challenge them, convict them, and call them (John 6:44).

Day 2 | Monday, February 19th, 2024

Please ask the Lord to speak through the teaching of His Word. Students will participate in three worship services, two breakout sessions, and three small group Bible study sessions. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would protect our speakers and leaders from sin leading up to YTH WKND and empower them to speak God's Word with boldness during YTH WKND. Please ask that the Spirit would search hearts and reveal our need for God's grace and mercy through the teaching of God's Word. Please ask that God would be honored and pleased with our musical worship and that He'd use the band to point our students towards Jesus (John 4:24).

Day 3 | Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

Registration is closed, but youth staff and volunteers from six different churches are working hard on the final details. Please pray for the final days of preparation, that our staff and volunteers would be focused and attentive to every detail. Please ask the Lord to help everyone think calmly and clearly. Please pray for energy and for the Lord to continue to sustain our staff and volunteers leading up to YTH WKND (Matthew 11:28-30).

Day 4 | Wednesday, February 21st, 2024

Please pray that students would recognize a tangible sense of the Lord's presence as soon as they arrive at our Newberry Road campus on Friday night. Please pray that students would be saved on the very first night, and that we'd see an outpouring of the Lord's Spirit on our students (Acts 26:18).

Day 5 | Thursday, February 22nd, 2024

Please pray for students who are seeking to follow the Lord more closely, that they'd be sensitive to His guidance this weekend. But also pray for those who are rebelling against God, who may be coming to this event quite reluctantly. Please pray for non-Christian parents who may get phone calls about spiritual decisions their students are making this weekend, that the Lord would lead those conversations with His grace (Romans 14:13).

Day 6 | Friday, February 23rd, 2024

Today is the day! This weekend, students will be in small groups, worship services, breakout sessions, and they might wrestle while wearing inflatable sumo suits in the Worship Center... We know that these things can be exciting and fruitful. But we're also asking God to bless the in-between moments where we know God can ordain eternal conversations between a student and small group leader. Please ask the Lord to orchestrate fruitful, eternal conversations all day long. Please ask the Lord to give our small group leaders wisdom, grace, and boldness as they counsel and interact with their students all throughout today (Colossians 4:6).

Day 7 | Saturday, February 24th, 2024

God can do anything He wants at any time. But over the years, we've seen him work on the last day of big events like this in powerful ways. When we set aside time to hear from Him and cover that consecrated time in prayer, He responds according to His will. Today, please pray specifically for the gospel response. Please ask God to save lost students. Please ask God to break down any and all walls and barriers that students may have in their lives that prevent them from running to Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Please ask God to bind the enemy as he seeks to maintain a foothold in the lives of our middle and high school students (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Day 8 | Sunday, February 25th, 2024

YTH WKND ends today and we're asking God to do something at YTH WKND that will follow our students long after YTH WKND ends and have repercussions for years to come. Please ask God to cause that fervor to spread from the youth ministry across every generation of the church (1 Timothy 4:12).

Day 9 | Monday, February 26th, 2024

YTH WKND is officially over, but today is one of the most crucial days for prayer. After an exciting weekend that's drawn on their energy, emotions, and spiritual convictions, now our students are back home and back to life as before. Today is the day that resolutions are tested. Temptation is coming after them in fresh waves. Please ask the Lord to draw our students close to Him, to His Word, and to a growing relationship with Him over the next several days and weeks (1st Corinthians 10:13)!