



Prayers 1



This selection of prayers is offered for use during a Young People's Sunday service.

You could use just one of the prayers, a selection of them, or you could develop your own.

Some of the prayers are for the service leader to say, some for young people to say, and some for the whole congregation to say.

Feel free to adapt and pick and mix them to suit your own needs.

You could use some of the images to help focus your prayers and/or use background music to help people engage.

1. Young People Sunday

Creator God, maker of heaven and earth, we offer this Young People's Sunday as a celebration of all that young people are and can be. We honour them, commit to them and seek to serve them with all our hearts, souls and bodies. Amen.

2. The gift of young people

Lord, on this Young People's Sunday we thank you for the gift of our young people. As we watch them grow may we commit to supporting them. Help us to take time out to listen to them, to share with them, to learn from them. Help us to see your work in them so that we may be encouraged in our walk with you. Amen.

3. Thankfulness for youth

Let no one look down on you because you are young but be an example for believers in your faith, love and purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Lord, we thank you for youthfulness. We thank you for the gift of being young. Help us all to be young at heart, to experience joy being with each other and with you. Help us to be an example to others through our faith, love and purity. Help us to accept others without judgement or fear, so that we may learn and grow. We ask this in Jesus' name.

4. A prayer for young people to say

As young people we have so much to look forward to. Our whole lives lie ahead of us. Sometimes we may be unsure of the best choices to make, sometimes we feel pressured by what is happening around us. Help us Lord in all the decisions we make. Guide us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Help us to walk in your ways and have courage in the face of challenges and uncertainty. Protect us throughout our lives and help us to follow your call on our lives. Be with us always, Lord.

5. Help

Jesus, you chose young people to be your first disciples

All: Help us to choose young people

Jesus, you healed and raised to life Jairus's daughter

All: Help us to be healers and raisers of young people

Jesus, you embraced young people as symbols of your Kingdom

All: Help us to embrace young people

Jesus, you didn't turn children and young people away

All: Help us not to turn them away

6. God of Hope

All:

Lord, when we face challenges - give us courage

When we face decisions - guide us

When we are downhearted - help us remember you love us

When we are hurt - remind us you are the healer

When we feel alone - may we call on you as our brother and our friend?

When others reject us - we know that you never will

Lord, you are in all things, you are above all things, you are with us always.

7. Good News

In the stress of the day, remind us Lord that most young people don't carry knives

In the dark of the night, remind us Lord that young people might be fearful of adults

In the light of the morning, remind us Lord that young people are trying to find their way in a hostile world. Remind us Lord.