



# Prayers 2



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.

## 8. Blessing

Lord as our time draws to a close, may we invest our time in wanting the best for our young people. May you strengthen our hearts and hands to be your servants. May you be our light as we uphold all the young people in the UK. Bless them and the rest of us as we leave this place to continue our journey with you. Amen.

## 9. Risk

Father God, we recognise that the teenage years are times of pushing boundaries and taking risks! Whilst this can be very challenging for those of us who are parents, we know that Jesus was also a boundary pusher and risk taker. Help us to take risks and push boundaries for the sake of your Kingdom and help us to encourage and support our teenagers as they explore, seek to understand and find their place in your world.

## 10. Potential

Recogniser of potential, giver of opportunity, realiser of possibility

**All: Fill us anew with your spirit**

Bringer of life, creator of hope, divine lover

**All: Fill us anew with your spirit**

Valuer of the old, appreciator of the young, redeemer of us all

**All: Fill us anew with your spirit**

Father of promises, Son of revelation, Holy inspiration,

**All: Fill us anew with your spirit**

## 11. Isolation

With the energy of youth it is sometimes hard to imagine that many young people feel lonely, isolated and depressed. Lord God, we ask that you would protect our young people and surround them with your comfort and love. Build bridges in your body so that none feel alone or on their own. Amen

## 12. Forgiveness

Lord God, our media and politicians are not always kind to our young people. Please forgive them. Your church has not always given them space, resources and the welcome they deserve. Please forgive us.

I have not always listened to, paid attention to or given time to young people. Please forgive me.

## 13. In the city, country, suburbs

God of the city, be with our young people in the buzz of urban life

God of the countryside, be with our young people in the nature of rural life

God of the suburbs, be with our young people in their communities

## 14. Generation gap

We are one body, young and old

We are one body, rich and poor

We are one body, black and white.

In your grace and by your spirit, bring us together to love and serve you and one another.

We are one body, mobile and less mobile

We are one body, happy and sad

We are one body, unified and diverse

Help us celebrate our differences, but never let them get in the way of seeing You in each of us.