

PRAY

A 5-DAY YOUTH CAMP
PRAYER GUIDE



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Dear Youth Worker,

Jennifer and I would like to thank you for taking time to pray for students who will be attending our camps this summer! Both of us have had powerful encounters with God at youth camp. Being filled with the Holy Spirit, called into ministry, and learning to believe for miraculous healing are just a few things that come to mind as I reflect on how important camp was in my spiritual development and discipleship journey.

As you prepare for camp, I know the weight of the task can feel overwhelming. Logistics alone can be unpredictable and challenging. Through it all, I encourage you to continue to pray, believing that God has a plan for you, your family, every staff member, and every camper this summer at camp.

Lastly, we want you to know we are praying for you! The sacrifice that you and your family makes so you can play a part in the camp experience is not going unnoticed! Even as a teenage volunteer at kids camp, I learned very quickly that although I went to camp to serve, I received so much more than I gave. Isn't that just like God? He promises that we will always receive an abundance in proportion to what we give. I am praying that as you give your time, your energy, your finances, and your emotions, you would receive back from the Lord abundantly more than you give.

Blessings,
Josh Wellborn



Josh and Jennifer Wellborn

Prayer Guide for Parents/Guardians

Day 1

Pray that your student will have an open heart to hear and receive God's Word as truth. If they have not made the decision to ask Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of their life, pray they respond to the gospel by doing so.

Luke 24:45

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Ephesians 1:18–20

I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him.

Prayer

God, I pray that (name of student) would hear Your Word this week and come to know it as truth. Help it come alive to them in a way that helps them understand that You have set them apart and have called them to something greater. Help them have ears to hear Your voice and the courage to obey You instead of following the ways of the world. Flood their hearts with light, that their desire to know and believe in You, the one true God, would grow this week. Amen.

Day 2

Pray that God would give your student the courage to make bold decisions that could be life changing.

1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

Luke 18:16

"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."

Prayer

Jesus, I lift up (name of student) to You today. Help them to overcome any fear or reservations that would hinder their worship of You as Lord. I ask Your Spirit to move upon their heart. This week, help them to not be distracted. Show them You always keep Your promises, Your love never fails, and You never change. May they make the decision to allow You to reign over their life and pursue the things You have for them. Amen.

Prayer Guide for Parents/Guardians

Day 3

Pray that your student would have a genuine encounter with Jesus this week. Pray that they would be able to sense His presence and hear His voice, and that this encounter will be a benchmark in their faith walk.

Jeremiah 24:7

“I will give them hearts that recognize me as the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me wholeheartedly.”

John 10:27

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

Prayer

God, I pray that (name of student) would leave camp with a growing desire to spend more time with You in prayer and worship. As they draw near to You, sustain them with Your presence. I ask that as they overcome distractions to press into You, they never doubt who You are or what You can do. Help them understand this week is just the beginning of their new life—one centered around growing closer to You, listening to Your Spirit, and praising Your name with everything in them. Amen.

Day 4

Pray that students will grow in their understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and be baptized in the Spirit.

John 14:26

“But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”

Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Prayer

God, I ask that (name of student) would have a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit this week. Baptize them and fill them with the power of the Holy Spirit. May the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—will be evident in their life. Let others look at them and see the evidence of Your Spirit working in them. Give them the courage and boldness to tell others about Jesus. Empower them to be a witness for You to the people around them. Amen.

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Day 5

Pray that your student would build and strengthen relationships with other students in their youth group throughout camp. Pray that they come home with a desire to serve Jesus and build His Church.

Philippians 2:2

Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

1 Corinthians 12:27

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, help (name of student) to build meaningful relationships with other students and leaders at camp and help them to continue those relationships after camp. I pray that as a result of their encounters with You, they come back with a growing desire to hear Your voice and obey. Show them how they can use their gifts to build Your Church and may they be willing to do so. Give them eyes to see the needs of the people around them—including those who don't know Jesus—and a heart to respond to those needs. I pray they choose to follow You, going where You direct them and doing what You tell them. Amen.

Prayer Guide for Parents/Guardians and Students Together

Day 1

Pray for friends and other students attending camp.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1 John 4:7

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

Prayer

God, thank You for my friends, particularly the ones who are coming to camp with me. Be with all of us this week. I ask that they have a great time and are impacted by what we learn and hear at camp. I pray that they have a personal encounter with You. Let there be no doubt in their mind that You are real, and You are good. Open their hearts to hear from You this week and as You do, I pray that their excitement to have a relationship with You grows. Amen.

Day 2

Pray for the camp staff, leaders, and speakers.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

Colossians 1:9

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Prayer

God, be with all the camp staff, leaders, and speakers who will be at camp. I ask that You give them rest leading up to camp. Help them prepare for the week physically, mentally, and spiritually so they can be ready to help students learn more about You. Speak to them and give them wisdom as they pray for and interact with students and with each other. This week, I pray that they also have an experience with You. Help their love for You and excitement to minister to students continue to grow. Amen.

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Day 3

Pray to build relationships with new friends and to have fun.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Hebrews 10:24–25

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Prayer

Jesus, I pray for the new friends I will meet at camp. Help me not to feel nervous but excited for all that is to come. I pray that You help me to become the friend I want to find—one who loves You and loves others well. Let every student attending camp build strong friendships, feel loved and supported by our leaders, and grow in their faith walk as they learn more about You and Your Word. Amen.

Day 4

Pray for the courage to make bold, life-changing decisions.

Psalms 138:3

As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength.

Ephesians 3:12

Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.

Prayer

God, I pray for the boldness that comes when I know who You are and who I am in You. I want to always be ready and willing to make life-changing decisions. Give me eyes to see opportunities to make brave decisions and help me to obey You in those moments. Even though I'm excited for the fun parts of camp—for the games, snacks, and friends I will meet—I'm also excited about growing closer to You. Help me hear Your voice this week and give me the courage to do whatever You want me to do. Amen.

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Day 5

Pray that students will share what they learned at camp with their friends and family.

Deuteronomy 8:18

“Remember the LORD your God. He is one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.”

Psalm 103:2

“Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.”

Prayer

Jesus, I pray that I never forget the amazing things You do in my life this week. Give me the desire to continue growing closer to You after camp is over. Help me continue to read my Bible, to spend time in prayer, and to worship in order to seek after You. I ask that You help me remember what I learn and give me opportunities to use it to reach my friends and family who don't know You. Make me more like You, and let others see evidence of You working in me. Amen.

Prayer Guide for Ministry Leaders

Day 1

Pray for your students to be THERE.

Isaiah 41:10

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”

Philippians 4:19

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Prayer

God, thank You for the students who are coming to camp this summer, and I pray that You make a way for others who need to be there to get there too. For those who are facing financial struggles, provide a way for them to make it here. For those who just don’t want to come, I pray for friends who will encourage them and build their excitement for what’s to come. I ask that every student will experience a life change—give them a deeper understanding of who You are and who You’ve called them to be. Surround them with Christian leaders and friends back home who can help them grow in their faith and stand strong for Jesus. Amen.

Day 2

Pray that your students are READY.

Psalms 119:133

Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by evil.

2 Timothy 2:21

If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

Prayer

Jesus, I pray that You begin doing a work in the heart of each student going to camp. I pray for those who are struggling with their mental health, loneliness, anger, family issues—let Your peace settle over their mind and those chains be broken. I ask that You show students areas of their life that aren’t dedicated to You and things that they’ve put above their relationship with You. Convict them so they give those areas back to You. We want each one’s heart and mind to be open to Your Holy Spirit. Show them that what You offer is better than anything the world can give them. Amen.

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Day 3

Pray for your students to feel SAFE and LOVED.

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

John 15:12–13

“This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Prayer

Jesus, please protect our students as they travel to and from camp. Keep them safe and healthy while they are playing games, enjoying free time, and pressing in during the services. I ask that You meet them during the altar moments and that they feel safe to hear from You. I pray against loneliness and isolation. Help students build strong relationships with other students and leaders who will love them and can help them walk closer with You. Allow those relationships to continue growing long after camp is over. Amen.

Day 4

Pray that your students ENCOUNTER GOD.

Jeremiah 33:3

“Ask me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come.”

Jeremiah 29:13

“If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.”

Prayer

God, please speak to our students at camp. Soften their hearts now so they will be ready to hear Your voice. Make it easy for students to discover You and know, without a doubt, that You are real and You are good. Show them how real Your Word is and how Your promises are true. I pray students come to build their life on the foundation of Scripture as You illuminate the truth of the Bible in their hearts and minds. Meet with them as they spend time in prayer so they come to know Your voice and can recognize it when You speak to them. Strengthen their faith so they will live for You even when others around them do not. Use them in a powerful and mighty way to further Your kingdom. Amen.

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Day 5

Pray for AFTER CAMP.

Colossians 1:9–10

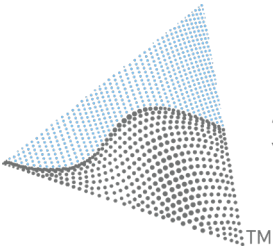
So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

John 10:27

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

Prayer

God, as we return home this week, I ask that You seal what happens at camp. I pray that every church and Youth leader would become more sensitive to Your voice, Your direction, Your guidance. Help us create opportunities for students to continue to grow in their faith and to build on their altar experiences. Help us encourage students to pursue the Holy Spirit—both in listening for and obeying the voice of Your Spirit. May every student know You personally, understand who You’ve created them to be with all of their gifts and passions, and be obedient to whatever You call them to. May the life change that happens this week sustain them long after this week is over. Amen.



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