



A Prayer Guide adapted from the book *Pray for Me*.
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"I love the church generational programs, where the kids are hooked up with adults and new friendships are formed, such as the 'Pray for Me' student ministry."

- Dianne Kehl -

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RATIONALE

Thank you for joining us in praying for these students. This guide was developed to encourage adults to engage naturally with students about things that matter while investing in their lives through prayerful support.

Psalm 145:4 says, "*One generation shall commend Your (God's) work to another and shall declare Your mighty acts.*" We are excited to pray over these students, encouraging them to grow in wisdom and favor with God and man (Luke 2:52). We pray also that they will be encouraged to set an example for other believers in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (1 Timothy 4:12).

As participants, we desire to help the next generation see and savor the greatness of God through the prayers of God's people. We want each participant to see themselves as a prayer warrior who intentionally prays for and invests in the next generation. We hope to create a web of multi-generational relationships in which one generation would share the greatness of God with another.

This guide is designed to ensure that each student is being lifted up in prayer as well as supported and encouraged through the year. We pray that you will find this to be very rewarding and that you will consider joining us year after year as we invest in the next generation.

We know that these students will grow in many ways as a result of your influence in their lives. Thank you for your willingness to give of your prayers, time, and self for the sake of our youth.

In prayer together,
The Prayer Team

This model guides you through each day, prompting you with ways to see, savor, and share the fullness of God. The see portion is a passage of scripture. Next, you will savor those truths in the form of prayer for your student. Finally, you will have the opportunity to record any thoughts or ideas that you want to share with your student.

The guide covers four nine-week periods. We encourage you to walk through the following flow of events during your prayer time:

- Pray that you will see God more clearly, savor him more fully, and share him more freely
- Read the given passages of scripture and determine the important points for prayer
- Pray through those scriptural insights for your student
- Determine how you might share those insights with your student

While this process will ensure that your student is covered in daily prayer, we also want to encourage you to connect with your student at least once a month. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Make an effort to greet them on Sundays at church
- Send them a note of encouragement and insight
- Call them and talk about their day, life, events, etc.
- Set up a time to meet with them if possible for a treat and time together in prayer
- Inquire of their birth date, hobbies, school events and share in those with your student
- Be sure to let them know that you have been praying for them

Prayer is very important as seen in the example of Christ with his disciples. Relationship building is a key to sharing life together and true discipleship will always happen in the context of relationships.

THE SEVEN ESSENTIALS

Each day of the week will focus on one of the seven essentials of prayer for your student. Here is a brief description of each essential:

Favor—anything God does in, through, or for you made visible in His provision, protection, presence, and purposes.

Wisdom—making decisions based in the truth of God’s Word and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Love—experiencing and sharing God’s transforming love.

Faith—our personal belief and trust in God and obedience to Him.

Purity—keeping our heart, mind, body, and spirit focused on God.

Speech—where our wisdom, love, faith, and purity become evident in what we say.

Conduct—where our wisdom, love, faith, and purity become evident in what we do.

As you pray each day we encourage you to direct your thoughts around these seven essentials. We pray that you and your student will experience growth and maturity in each of these areas as you invest in them.

Thank you for your prayerful efforts on behalf of your student. We are almost ready to begin engaging in the lives of our youth, but here are just a few more important items to consider.

ENGAGING WITH STUDENTS

Here are a few helpful reminders as you engage with your student:

- Pray for God's favor in the relationship you build
- Be prepared in prayer and interaction
- Understand the power of good questions
- Always ask how you can pray
- Building a relationship takes time
- Be alert for God's leading as you pray
- Affirm your student in their walk of faith
- Collect stories of experience you can share
- Pray with other adults for your students
- Commit your student to the Lord and His will

DISCIPLESHIP MODEL

In this guide we encourage you to *See, Savor, and Share* the greatness of God as you disciple your student. Seeing God means that we point others to see His greatness. Our conversations should be filled with accounts of God's mighty works. We savor God's greatness when we train our hearts to respond to God. Scripture reading and prayer is the way we train ourselves to enjoy God's greatness. We also share with others the greatness of God's working in our own lives and seek to encourage others in their walk with the Lord.

Please take the necessary time to see, savor, and share God's work together with your student.

MY PRAYER STUDENT

Simply copy the information from the Student Prayer Card on the page below. Make initial contact with the student or parents and fill in the rest of the form. For privacy and safety concerns, please do not distribute or misuse this information in any way. Thank you for your understanding.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Address: _____

Student's School/Grade: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

** please make contact through a public line unless given permission to contact the student directly*

Student's Birthday: _____

Student's Interests: _____

Student's Favorite Treat: _____

Other Information: _____

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