

## Prayers for those involved in Christian youth work

Lord, we pray for those who work with young people through your church

Give them;

The courage to face what comes to the door,

The wisdom to hunt for the answers with young people,

and the strength to walk the path alongside them.

**Amen**

Help us to be a praising, worshiping and serving people. Instruct us as a church in what we need to know about worship, prayer and service so that we can become the servants that you have called us to be. Lord, we pray that you would pour out your spirit on the Methodist Church in Cardiff and Caerphilly and on every church in this city. Help each church to hear your call to prayer and lead us to join together in prayer for all young people. May your love overflow from each church to people everywhere. May each church welcome people of every age and from every race, culture, colour and background.

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (TNIV)*

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# Praying for young people

**A selection of prayers to bring to mind some of the issues young people and those working with young people face in today's world.**

These thoughts and prayers have been brought together by a group who were initially working with an idea from Youth Space to encourage the power of united prayer across the Methodist Church in Cardiff and Caerphilly. The intention is that this leaflet will provide a way of praying together and is a lead towards an insert we will be producing for the prayer handbook next September to provide a prayer thought per week around issues and events that have a significant relevance to young people.

*1 Thessalonians 5:14 - 27*

Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. Don't quench the Spirit. Don't despise prophecies. Test all things, and hold firmly that which is good. Abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely. Beloved, pray for us... I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the holy brothers.

Pray without ceasing, pray, your Captain gives the word;

His summons cheerfully obey and call upon the Lord;

To God your every want in instant prayer display,

Pray always; pray and never faint; pray, without ceasing, pray!

*SOLDIERS OF CHRIST, ARISE*

*Charles Wesley, 1707-1788*

## Intercessory prayers – focusing on young people

Loving God

We pray for young people in their happiness.

Birthday parties, summer picnics and barbecues, winter treats and friendships.

Young people loved by parents and friends.

Young people secure in the bonds of family life.

*These are your young people and we pray for them: We know you love them*

We pray for young people who are unhappy.

Young people made insecure because their parents argue.

Young people who feel left out in a crowd.

Young people who are bullied, teased and pushed to the edge of the group.

*These are your young people and we pray for them: We know you love them*

We pray for young people who live in the world's danger spots.

Young people who experience warfare and enmity as a daily event.

Young people who have watched their homes destroyed, their parents hurt or killed.

Young people who have never known what it means to relax and chill out.

*These are your young people and we pray for them: We know you love them*

We pray for young people who are living in poverty.

Young people who wake up hungry and go to bed feeling lonely.

Young people who sleep on the street.

Young people struggling to achieve their potential.

*These are your young people and we pray for them: We know you love them*

We pray for young people who have disabilities or who are ill.

Young people who need support to live from day to day.

Young people whose lives are frequently interrupted by trips to and from hospital.

Young people who each celebrate their own personal achievements.

*These are your young people and we pray for them: We know you love them*

We pray for young people with a caring responsibility in the home.

Where without their contribution the family just wouldn't work.

Young people who cannot meet friends because they are caring for a relative.

Young people who take on extra responsibility.

*These are your young people and we pray for them: We know you love them*

We pray for young people in education.

Young People who find school easy and need to find a challenge.

Young people who struggle in formal education.

Young people who find themselves Not in education, employment or training.

*These are your young people and we pray for them: We know you love them*

We pray for adults committed to the care and development of young people.

For organisations who work with and support young people.

For those who voluntarily give time, money, love and care to young people.

We pray for Christian youth work, that it may help young people feel happier, more confident and more loved.

We pray for Youth Space, that it may become a place where young people may safely and confidently grow in love and faith.

*These are your people and we pray for them: We know you love them*

We pray this and all our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN**