

Prayer Requests for St. Mark Youth Ministry

Please pray what is on your heart. Here are ideas of prayer requests to use:

Close your eyes for a few minutes 'Be Still' (Ps. 46:10) Simply sit in silence, perhaps close your eyes, and listen to what God speaks to you. When a person, friend or enemy, suddenly comes to mind, take it as a sign to lift them up in prayer. Saying their name aloud to God is a prayer in itself, because God knows their needs even if we do not.

Now imagine St. Mark and its Youth Ministry as God would have it to be-not as it is now. What do you see? How is that church, that youth ministry, different from the one we have today?

Now imagine yourself as part of that new vision, helping to make it all become a reality. What are you doing? What are you feeling? How is God calling you to be part of bringing that vision to reality? What difference can you make? What difference do you already make? Close by thanking God for the gift of today and ask for guidance in being more open to God's presence in your daily life.

For Josiah Frusti, volunteer youth leaders and St Mark:

- That effective and intentional discipleship efforts will help youth grow in Christ.
- Safety – in buildings and parking lots, on fellowship excursions and mission trips- for God's love, presence and protection.
- For adult leaders and chaperones, sufficient volunteers for all activities.
- That God would give leaders words to share with our youth.
- To be responsive to needs of each individual and group as whole, in listening and relationships as well as in planning activity.
- For strength, health, rest and protection over them and their families.

For youth:

- To see Jesus and grow to love and trust Him. Thanksgiving for those that do!
- To be drawn to salvation by grace through faith in Jesus.
- For the Holy Spirit's presence and movement among the youth at St. Mark and our community.
- *To nurture a lifestyle of prayer.*
- To be bold witnesses on their school campuses and to all they meet.
- For development of youth leaders in St. Mark.
- For true fellowship to be experienced by the group.
- For unity, harmony and lasting friendships among the young people.
- For their witness to friends and family.
- That as others join the group, they will come to know Christ themselves.
- For God to help them know and understand what he wants them to do with their lives.
For an openness to serve God with their time and gifts.
- For God to give them strength and endurance for their Christian life. Pray for freedom against the pressure to conform. Pray against evil influences.
- For God to fill them with his joy and thankfulness for new life in Christ.
- For the Spirit to move them to share the Gospel throughout their communities and beyond.
- For any anxious thoughts and worries, that peace would enter their hearts and minds.

For adults and families:

- To desire for their kids to know God through study of His Word at St. Mark and join in Christian fellowship with others at St. Mark.
- To interact with their kids regularly to discuss, process and apply the Bible.
- For restoration, unity and spiritual growth as a family.

Why?

To bring youth at St. Mark into a personal relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Help them know Jesus.
- Give love for the Bible and encourage daily prayer and study. (provide quiet time materials, accountability, journals, model, ask for prayer requests)
- Relate faith and the Bible to daily life. (Sunday School, Bible discussion, mentorship)
- Equip and motivate kids to contribute effectively to St. Mark and the community. (Participate in Christian missions, special projects, spiritual gifts inventory, VBS, food, service, etc....)
- Help kids communicate *and defend* their faith. (evangelism training, inviting others)
- Encourage relationships with one another.
- Provide opportunities for Christian fellowship. (full church activity, parties, activities, clique busting, serving, working with home-bound...)
- To experience worship.
- Train them as Christian Leaders. (involvement of youth in church activity)
- Help and encourage families in the Christian training of their kids – to come alongside families.
- Stewardship of money, time and ability.
- To enlist and equip adult leaders who will work effectively toward the objectives for youth ministry.

