

A Prayerful Pace: Seven Areas of Prayer with Scriptures

1. **Salvation:** Praying that youth come to know Christ personally and fully.

- **Romans 10:9-10** – That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- **2 Peter 3:9** – The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
- **John 3:16-17** – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.
- **Acts 4:12** – Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** – For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- **1 Timothy 2:3-4** – For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- **Luke 19:10** – For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- **Romans 5:8** – But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2. **Protection from Evil:** Praying for spiritual, physical, and mental covering.

- **2 Thessalonians 3:3** – But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.
- **Matthew 6:13** – And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
- **Isaiah 54:17** – “No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me,” Says the Lord.
- **Psalms 121:7-8** – The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.
- **John 17:15** – I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.
- **Proverbs 18:10** – The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.
- **Ephesians 6:11** – Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

3. **Courage to Stand for What Is Right:** Praying boldness in a compromising culture.

- **Joshua 1:9** – Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

- **2 Timothy 1:7** – For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
- **Acts 4:29** – Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word.
- **1 Corinthians 16:13** – Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.
- **Proverbs 28:1** – The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.
- **Ephesians 6:19-20** – and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
- **Psalms 27:1** – The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?”

4. A Spirit of Excellence in the Lives of Youth: Praying that they represent God well in all they do.

- **Daniel 6:3** – Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.
- **Colossians 3:23-24** – And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.
- **Proverbs 22:29** – Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.
- **Philippians 1:10** – That you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ.
- **1 Corinthians 10:31** – Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
- **Ecclesiastes 9:10** – Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.
- **Matthew 5:16** – Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

5. Spiritual Growth: Praying maturity, depth, and consistency in their walk.

- **2 Peter 3:18** – But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.
- **Colossians 2:6-7** – As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.
- **Ephesians 4:14-15** – That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.
- **1 Peter 2:2** – As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.
- **Galatians 5:22-23** – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

- **John 15:4-5** – Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

6. God's Guidance & Direction: Praying clarity, purpose, and divine leading.

- **Proverbs 3:5-6** – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.
- **Psalms 119:105** – Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- **Isaiah 30:21** – Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.
- **Jeremiah 29:11** – For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- **James 1:5** – If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
- **Psalms 32:8** – I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

7. Youth Finding Their Voice in This Generation: Praying confidence, identity, and impact.

- **1 Timothy 4:12** – Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- **Jeremiah 1:6-8** – Then said I: 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.' But the Lord said to me: 'Do not say, "I am a youth," For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,' says the Lord.
- **Acts 2:17** – 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.'
- **Matthew 5:16** – Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- **Psalms 8:2** – Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.
- **Ecclesiastes 12:1** – Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them.'
- **Philippians 2:15** – That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

Prayerful Pace Prayers

1. Salvation

Father, we come before You asking for salvation. Your Word says that if we confess with our mouths and believe in our hearts that Jesus is Lord, we will be saved. So we pray that our youth would believe, confess, and come to know You personally.

You said You are not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. Draw them, Lord. Open their hearts to Your love, because You loved the world so much that You gave Your Son so they could have everlasting life.

Let them know that salvation is found in no one else but Jesus, and that it is a gift of grace, not something they have to earn. Go after every lost young person and bring them home. In Jesus' name, Amen.

2. Protection from Evil

Father, we ask for Your protection over our youth. Your Word says You are faithful, and You will establish them and guard them from the evil one. So we ask You to cover them completely.

Lead them away from temptation and deliver them from evil. Let no weapon formed against them prosper, and shut down every voice that rises against them.

Preserve them, Lord, in their going out and their coming in. Be their strong tower so they can run to You and be safe.

Help them put on the whole armor of God so they can stand against every attack. Keep them, Lord, in Jesus' name, Amen.

3. Courage to Stand for What Is Right

Lord, we pray for courage. You commanded us to be strong and courageous and not to be afraid, because You are with us wherever we go. Let that truth live in our youth.

You have not given them a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. So we ask You to replace fear with boldness.

Give them the courage to stand firm in their faith and to speak Your Word with boldness. Let them be righteous and bold like a lion.

Remind them that You are their light and salvation, so they don't have to fear anyone. Strengthen them to stand for what is right, in Jesus' name, Amen.

4. A Spirit of Excellence in the Lives of Youth

Father, we pray for a spirit of excellence in our youth. Just like Daniel had an excellent spirit, let them stand out for the right reasons.

Teach them to do everything with their whole heart, as if they are doing it for You and not for people. Let them develop skill and diligence so they can walk into opportunities and not be overlooked.

Help them choose what is excellent and live lives that are sincere and without compromise. Let everything they do bring glory to You.

Whatever they put their hands to, help them do it with all their might. Let their lives shine so others see their good works and glorify You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

5. Spiritual Growth

Lord, we pray for spiritual growth. Your Word says to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, so we ask that our youth would grow deeper in their relationship with You.

Root them and build them up in Christ so they are strong and established in their faith. Help them move from spiritual immaturity into maturity.

Give them a hunger for Your Word, like newborn babies desiring milk, so they grow strong. Let the fruit of the Spirit develop in their lives.

Teach them to abide in You, because without You they can do nothing. Let their lives bear real, lasting fruit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

6. God's Guidance & Direction

Father, we pray for guidance and direction. Teach our youth to trust in You with all their hearts and not lean on their own understanding.

In all their ways, help them acknowledge You so You can direct their paths. Let Your Word be a lamp to their feet and a light to their path.

Speak clearly to them, saying, "This is the way, walk in it." Remind them that You have plans for their lives, plans for peace, hope, and a future.

When they don't know what to do, give them wisdom as they ask You. Instruct them, teach them, and guide them in every step. In Jesus' name, Amen.

7. Youth Finding Their Voice in This Generation

Lord, we pray that our youth would find their voice. Your Word says let no one despise their youth, so help them walk in confidence and be examples in how they live.

When they feel too young or unsure, remind them that You have called them and You are with them. Pour out Your Spirit on them so they can speak, dream, and see what You are doing.

Help them shine their light before others so people see You through them. Use their voices to bring strength and truth.

In a crooked and confused generation, let them shine as lights in the world, unashamed of who they are in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.