

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

Dear Partner in Prayer,

Thank you for your intentional time praying for the next generation. As the school year comes to a close, students worldwide will transition to summer jobs, short-term mission trips, camps, and other new activities and seasons. I invite you to consider the implications of Romans 12:12 and join us in prayer on their behalf using this verse as a framework.

Rejoice in hope

Unlike the temporary hope of a summer job, a healthy body, good grades on exams, admission to a preferred college, or any other season or circumstance of life, biblical hope is rooted in the character and promises of God. Believers, even young ones, one can rejoice in hope, through salvation in Christ and the future glory that is to come (Rom 8:18-24). Let's pray that the hopes and dreams of the next generation, this summer and always, will be grounded first and foremost in their ultimate hope in God.

Be patient in tribulation

When trials and difficulties come to the next generation (and they will, to test their faith and help them grow in the likeness of Christ), God tells them to respond by having patience, deeply trusting in His sovereignty and purposes for the outcome (2 Cor 4:17). We can pray for Christlike patience for the next generation as they navigate all the complexities of life.

Be constant in prayer

Despite so many distractions on a given day, such as phones, ads, peer pressure, and many others, having a posture of being constant in prayer is a command (Col 3:2). This is a call to being so aware of God that one's thoughts and prayers go to Him throughout the day, consistently, seeking His wisdom and praising Him. We can pray that the next generation will grow into young boys and girls, men and women, who turn to God in prayer for all things.

May the Lord help us to pray that the next generation will persevere in faith in these ways and more.

Oh Lord, thank you that we can join together in prayer on behalf of the next generation because You are the faithful One and all Your promises for us are yes, in Christ!

Thank you for every young person you created for Your glory. May their lives, accomplishments, and gifts be ever pointing to Your greatness and sustaining power. Set their minds to study Your Word and help them to grow in confidence in Your promises of future grace.

May new mercies come every morning, so that they will treasure You deeper and depend on You more. Cause the next generation to hope in You and ordain all the details of their lives, both in joy and in sorrow, so that there will be a confident anticipation that as

You work all things for their good (Rom 8:28), they can rejoice in hope— Christ in us, the hope of glory. Even when adversity comes such as disease, hardship, financial crisis, persecution for their faith, temptations, and discouragement, give them the ability to humble themselves under Your mighty hand (1 Peter 5:6) by casting all their anxieties on You.

Help them to be patient in tribulation and constant in prayer. Unite their hearts to fear Your name (Psalm 86:11) so that they will grow in holiness and become utterly dependent on You through prayer.

Sustain the next generation in Your steadfast love, Lord, and help them to persevere in faith. So, Lord, more than anything they might think they need, give them Jesus, and transformed hearts and wills to call upon You all the days of their lives.

May they praise You and enjoy You forever and ever.

Amen.



Thank you for committing to pray for the next generation,

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