

Prayer Partners

FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

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Dear Partner in Prayer,

Thank you for committing to pray for the next generation. This is the first of what will be a quarterly newsletter, specifically to encourage us to continue seeking the Lord together for the young people in our lives and ministries.

Back in January, I read this quote on prayer from Pastor John Piper:

“Prayer is the open admission that without Christ we can do nothing. And prayer is the turning away from ourselves to God in the confidence that He will provide the help we need. Prayer humbles us as needy and exalts God as wealthy.”

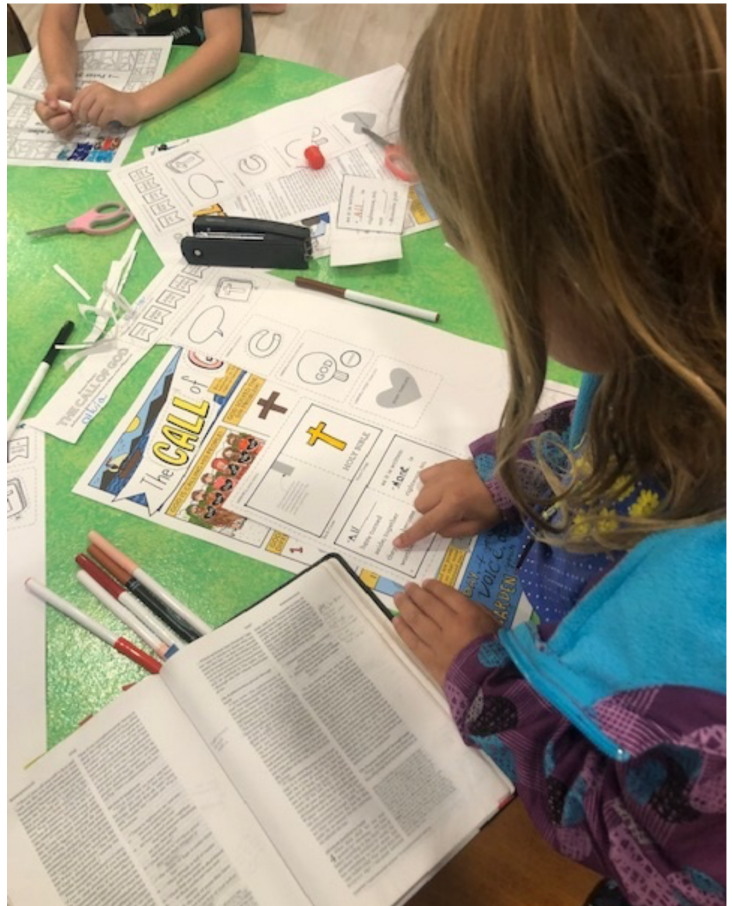
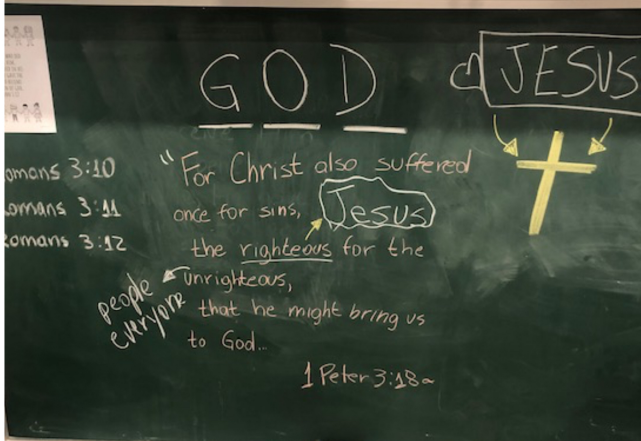
At the time, I was considering opportunities to minister to children and families, and a sense of inadequacy was very real. However, an unquenchable hope was also rising. God has promised in His Word that He will be faithful to provide the help we need (Philippians 4:9). As friends prayed together, my faith was strengthened as I witnessed God at work in our midst.

It all started with prayer

I moved forward with planning a Backyard Bible Club with a few friends in my city in Canada. We prayed for 20 children to attend, and last week we were blessed with almost 40! There were children from churches that were unable to have summer clubs or had no spots left, and even some unchurched children. Being outdoors made it possible for families who are not yet comfortable being indoors or gathering in large groups inside a church to attend.

As we prayed, the Lord provided for each need, abundantly more than we could ever ask or imagine. A forecast of rain, a van that broke on the first day of camp, a family who got sick, and other circumstances that could cause worry and anxiety were taken care of by the Lord. Here is what a parent who joined us had to say: “The BYBC surpassed our expectations. It strengthened the faith of everyone present. Not only did our children not want it to end, I myself left so edified after fellowship with God-seeking individuals.”

By the end of the week, many of us who served agreed that only the Lord could have sustained us and provided in such a generous way, and it all started with prayer.



Apart for Him we can do nothing

How great is the Lord and greatly to be praised! We are needy, yet He invites us to come to Him in prayer. As summer plans wind down and back to school plans begin, please join me in praying for new and ongoing gospel opportunities with the next generation in our cities, churches, and homes. This prayer was inspired by Psalm 28:6-9:

Lord, I bless your name because You hear the voice of my plea for mercy. How our children and young people need to hear your Truth so they can have hope for the days ahead - hope that transcends this world. Nothing in this world can satisfy the soul...the advancement of technology, education, vacation, entertainment...none of these can give lasting hope for the days ahead. But You can. I came before you humbled by the reality that You alone are the strength and shield of your people. Direct our steps and increase our faith as You lead your people into opportunities to minister Your Truth this school year.

May You be pleased to strengthen the next generation by being their strength and their shield. May their hearts trust in You and may they be helped by You in every

area of their lives. You have been faithful in the past, and You were faithful in many outreach initiatives all over the world this summer. Oh that Your faithfulness will be proclaimed as a testimony of Your goodness. May the hearts of Your people and the hearts of all children in our midst exult in You and may we give thanks to You all the days of our lives. We pray that Your Truth will be the strength of the young people we minister to and their saving refuge forever.

Amen.

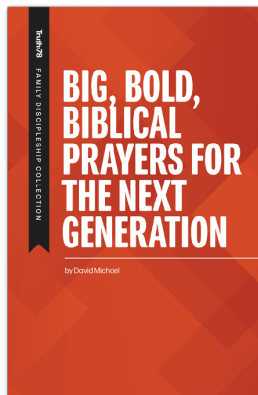


For the joy of the next generations,

Marcia Olynyk

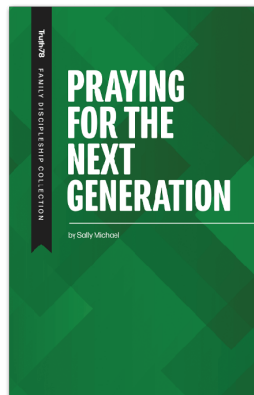
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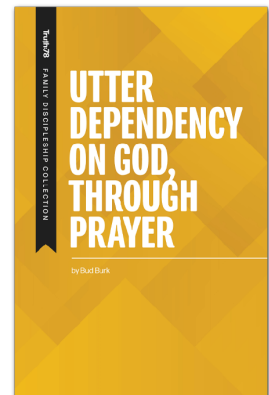
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