



THE WATCH FOR AWAKENING 24/7 PRAYER

YOUTH PRAYER GUIDE

This Guide is written for youth groups with more than 4 people signed on. You are strongly encouraged to have another adult leader monitor and respond to the Chat.

Throughout this guide there are moments you may invite your students or other adults to lead. If you choose to do this, please connect with them before hand to set them up well.

Be mindful of your time.

Included in your email are three images, one for each section of prayer. You may use the screen share feature to visually guide your students as well.

As you enter the prayer room please make sure to MUTE your youth and adult volunteers since the last group will be winding up their prayer time.

Begin your group's prayer time by UNMUTING yourself, but MUTING all your students. In this way you can welcome, offer instruction, and then begin. Throughout, "Lead" refers to the youth leader or whoever they designated. The youth leader is responsible for prompts and helping to transition though each section.

OPENING

(5 MINUTES)

INTRODUCTIONS

Lead: Let's say hi. (Unmute All. Allow for 3 minutes of awkward Zoom conversation and chaos. Then, mute All.)

Lead: I've muted all of us so that we can join together in the Watch and prayer. Tonight, we will hear scripture, pray for deliverance from the coronavirus, pray for a great awakening in our land, and pray for one another. As we do, there are a few things for you to know:

1. You are not alone. As we pray tonight, we are joined together by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

2. You are keeping the Watch. Pray out loud in your own space, even as you hear me or others praying.
3. As the Lord speaks to you, you can share it in 2 ways: type it into the Chat and/or click the “Raise Hand” feature so we can call on you to share with everyone. (Be patient and gracious as we may not be able to get to everyone.)
4. As we pray, it is good to find your best posture, even if it means shifting. I will prompt you for a recommended posture, but find your best.
5. Let’s begin by stilling ourselves, breathing deeply in, pausing, and breathing slowly out...

Lead: We come together in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to join in prayer.

OPENING SCRIPTURES

Lead: I have asked (or, I will call on) a few of you to read our opening scriptures. *Make sure to unmute your speakers a moment before you call on them.*

Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. —Ephesians 5:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. —2 Chronicles 7:14

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. —Colossians 4:2

If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. —John 15:7-8

LET US PRAY FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE PRESENT CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

(10 MINUTES)

Lead: At this point of spontaneous prayer we invite you to take whatever posture of prayer is most comfortable. You may kneel or you may even get on the floor away from the screen. We only suggest that you leave yourself muted. As you pray, remember to share in the Chat or Raise your hand to be called on. I have asked a few others to pray in this time, and will call on you. *(As Lead, please begin and conclude this prayer time, but your prayers are not limited to those moments.)*

You may find the following prayer prompts helpful:

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your prayers
- For protection from the spread of coronavirus
- Healing for those suffering or sick with Coronavirus
- Great skill and protection for health care workers and their families
- Insight for scientists and researchers
- Wisdom for governmental leaders
- Patience for school teachers
- Endurance for community leaders

- Provision for the poor and vulnerable
- Protection for our the elderly and those in senior care facilities
- Safety for those in prison
- For God to stop the spread from developing and more vulnerable nations
- For food to get to those who are hungry
- For God's presence for the lonely and isolated
- For anyone we know by name who are sick or hospitalized
- For peace and mercy for those in current outbreak areas (name those places)
- For comfort and counsel for those grieving from sudden loss of loved ones
- For God to have mercy upon us in this time and crush this disease.

Lead: (A suggested conclusion to this time is "O Lord, show us your love and mercy; For we have put our trust in you. Amen.") Take a moment to stand, to stretch, share in the chat or raise your hand to share with everyone.

LET US PRAY FOR GREAT AWAKENING ACROSS OUR LAND

(10 MINUTES)

Lead: As we begin to pray for a Great Awakening, we will pray in 4 small sections: For our own Awakening, Awakening in Homes and Families, Awakening in Churches, Awakening in Communities. Find a comfortable posture, perhaps standing with arms open to receive, or sitting with your face turned upward to the Lord. At the end of each small section I will say "Today I sow for a Great Awakening." You are encouraged to say it with me! Let us begin.

In this section, speak the prompts and give space for the students to pray, even just 15 seconds, after each. After this pause, you may add your own prayer. Additionally, you can assign students or adult leaders to lead each section.

PRAY FOR AWAKENING IN HEARTS

- For God to awaken us from slumber
- For God to raise the level of holy discontent within us that we might long for more of God
- For God to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in us and the gifts of the Spirit through us
- For God to awaken us to our belovedness in the midst of our brokenness
- For God to give us a longing for prayer like never before
- **Today I sow for a Great Awakening**

PRAY FOR AWAKENING IN HOMES

- For God's presence to fill our homes
- For the strengthening of marriages in Christ
- For the hearts of fathers and mothers to be turned to their children
- For all family members to experience saving grace and for all to be taught the Christian faith in their homes that they would grow in wisdom, stature and the favor of God and people
- Pray for any personal needs in your family (provision, employment, reconciliation, peace, sickness, mental illness, or others struggles)
- **Today I sow for a Great Awakening**

PRAY FOR AWAKENING IN CHURCHES

- For a joyful unified recognition of Jesus Christ as Lord
- For a hungering and thirsting after the Word of God and the Spirit of God in our local churches
- For a deepened appetite for prayer to arise and be mobilized in our churches
- For our churches to become agencies of all manner of healing in our communities
- For banded discipleship to take root that brings deep wholeness to people
- **Today I sow for a Great Awakening**

PRAY FOR AWAKENING IN TOWNS AND CITIES

- For local churches to move toward one another in unity for the sake awakening in the larger community in which they are located
- For God to bring awakening to Jesus Christ through his Spirit upon our city, town, and region (name where you live)
- For many to come to faith in Jesus Christ
- For the Kingdom of God to break in on towns and cities with all manner of transformation in every sector of society
- For the delivering work of the Holy Spirit to set people free from all manner of addiction, bondage and strongholds of sin
- **Today I sow for a Great Awakening**

Lead: Once more, all together, "Today I Sow for a Great Awakening."

THE CLOSING

(5 MINUTES)

PRAYER FOR ONE ANOTHER:

Lead: It has been a blessing to pray and keep Watch together. We are going to close with the Lord's Prayer. When we end, I will unmute everyone so we can say "Goodnight" before signing off and giving the room to the next youth group.

Our Father...

Unmute everyone.

Goodnight!

Remove your students at the assigned ending time of your Watch.

Note: Others will be entering the prayer room as the half hour closes. Please be mindful of ending on time so they can begin on time.