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INTRO

Prayer is the primary work of God's people. This long-standing Alliance mantra elevates the importance of prayer in accomplishing the work of God on earth. Prayer is an opportunity for God's children, you and I, to speak often, deliberately, and plainly with our Heavenly Father. It is the method through which the child of God experiences communion with God and with other believers. As we pray privately or together, we are affirming our dependence on God, much like children are dependent on their parents. I hope you find these intentional and deliberate prayer primers a helpful addition in your student ministry during the next 40 days.

Sincerely,



Dan Boal
Director for Alliance Youth



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RESOURCES

40 Days of Prayer is an initiative of The Christian and Missionary Alliance to increase the overall prayer life and therefore the effectiveness of believers who attend an Alliance church. We hope that each generation within The Alliance engages with reading Scripture and communing with their Heavenly Father in daily prayer to experience a transformed heart and mind that will help unleash a movement of God here on earth.

We have provided the following resources for you to share with the youth in your church to enhance their participation in this denomination-wide prayer movement.

1. 40 Days of Prayer Experience

This can be used as a supplement to your weekly teaching curriculum. It is designed to take 10 minutes of your youth program.

- Video Prayer Primers led by Dan Boal
- PDF Prayer Guide for youth to pray as a class or in smaller groups

2. 40 Days of Prayer Devotional

This five-day devotional is intended to help youth pray specifically for the filling of the Holy Spirit in sharing the gospel. It will be delivered to their inbox in the *AY Newsletter*. You can print the PDF for distribution or have youth sign up for the newsletter. This is the first in a 12-month series of 5-day devotionals brought to you by Envision, the C&MA's short-term missions office.

- Go to allianceyouth.com/connect/
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and subscribe to receive this monthly devotional.

3. On Our Knees: A Youth Worker Time of Prayer

We will be hosting and broadcasting a 30-minute virtual prayer event for Alliance Youth workers. The emphasis will be on praying for the next generation to have boldness, to cling to truth, and to be open to hear and receive that truth.

- January 28, 12 p.m. EST
- RSVP at facebook.com/cmallianceyouth/events
- Join Zoom meeting:
 - **Link:** zoom.us/j/97452075894?pwd=aEJ3YktpYzJFWU9VUzZaNFNMK01jQT09
 - **Meeting ID:** 974 5207 5894 **Passcode:** 544435
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WEEK 1: WORSHIP AND PRAISE

KEY TEXT

Matthew 6:9–10

SET-UP

Worship is more than music—it includes the words we say with our lips or in our hearts to praise a holy and wonderful God. When we approach God with prayers of worship, it accomplishes three things:

1. It puts our hearts in a position of dependence as we recognize that God has all authority in heaven and on earth and nothing happens unless He allows it.
2. It positions us to receive answers to our prayers.
3. It enables us to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as we encounter Him through prayer and the reading of Scripture.

VIDEO

Worship and Praising Through Prayer

PRAYER PROMPTS

Take five minutes to pray the following Scriptures to God. You can do this in small groups or as a large one to orient your hearts to be dependent, receptive, and filled with faith.

1 Chronicles 16:10–12

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced . . .

Isaiah 40:28–29

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Psalms 95:1–5; 96:6–7

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Revelation 4:11

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. O my Strength, I sing praise to you; you, O God, are my fortress, my loving God.

Psalms 59:16–17

But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble. O my Strength, I sing praise to you; you, O God, are my fortress, my loving God.