



Calvert County Baptist Church

Next Generation Ministry - Youth Resurrection Devotional



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Interactive Prayer Journal:

Journey to Resurrection Sunday

Dear Parents and Guardians,

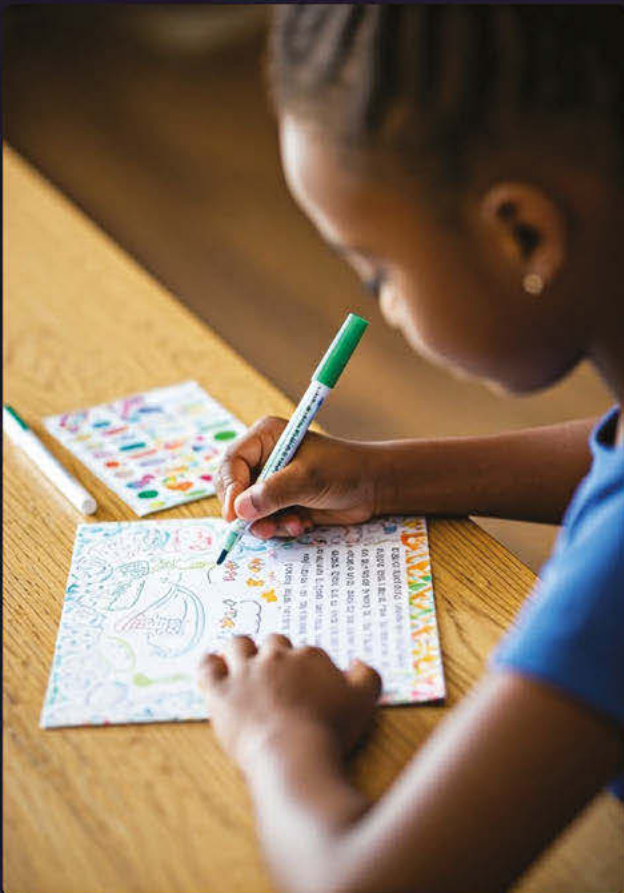
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we continue to nurture and guide our children in their faith journey, I am excited to share with you the importance of instilling two essential habits in their daily lives—**reading and praying**. These practices will not only strengthen their relationship with God but will also develop their hearts and minds in ways that prepare them for a lifetime of faith and wisdom.



The Power of Reading and Praying

The Bible reminds us in Proverbs 22:6, *"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."* Reading is a fundamental skill that enriches a child's understanding, enhances their communication, and opens doors to knowledge. More importantly, reading **God's Word** allows them to develop a deeper connection with their faith, teaching them valuable lessons about love, kindness, patience, and trust in the Lord.



Prayer, on the other hand, is our direct line of communication with God. Teaching our children to pray fosters a spirit of gratitude, faith, and reliance on Him. By developing the habit of talking to God daily, children learn to express their thoughts, hopes, and concerns while trusting in God's plan for their lives.



Introducing a Devotional Guide for Children

To help you guide your child in these essential practices, we are providing a **Children's Devotional Guide** filled with short Bible readings, prayers, and reflections that you can read together. This devotional is designed to:

- 1 Encourage daily Bible reading
- 2 Teach children how to pray in different situations
- 3 Build faith-based conversations at home
- 4 Strengthen their personal relationship with God

Each day includes a **Bible verse**, a **short devotion**, and a **simple prayer** that can be read in the morning, before bedtime, or during family time. We encourage you to set aside **10–15 minutes daily** to read and pray with your child, making this a meaningful and enjoyable experience.

Let's Grow Together in Faith!

As a church community, we are committed to partnering with families to raise children who love the Lord and seek Him in all they do. Thank you for your dedication to your child's spiritual growth, and may this devotional guide be a blessing to your family.

If you have any questions or would like additional resources, please feel free to reach out. Let's continue to pray for one another as we guide our children in the ways of the Lord!

What is Prayer?

Dear Young Friends,

Hello, my wonderful friends! I hope you are having a great day filled with joy, laughter, and lots of fun. Today, I want to talk to you about something very special—**prayer!**

Do you know that prayer is like talking to your best friend? And guess what? That best friend is **God!** He loves you so much and wants to hear everything that's on your heart. You don't have to use fancy words or make long speeches—just talk to Him like you would talk to someone you love and trust.

Prayer is our way of talking to God, thanking Him for His blessings, asking for His help, and telling Him about our day. Just like you talk to your parents, teachers, and friends, you can talk to God anytime and anywhere!

The Bible tells us in **1 Thessalonians 5:17**, "*Pray without ceasing.*" This means we can pray at any time—when we wake up, before meals, before bed, or even when we feel happy or sad. God is always listening!

Why Should We Pray?

1 Prayer Helps Us Feel Close to God

God loves us and wants to have a relationship with us. When we pray, we spend time with Him, just like we do with our family and friends.

2 Prayer Gives Us Strength

When we are afraid, worried, or unsure, prayer reminds us that God is with us, giving us courage and peace.

3 Prayer Changes Things

God hears our prayers and answers them in ways that are best for us. Sometimes His answer is **"Yes,"** sometimes it's **"Not yet,"** and sometimes it's **"I have something even better for you!"**

4 Prayer Helps Us Help Others

We can pray not only for ourselves but also for our family, friends, and people who need God's help.



How Can We Pray?

You can pray in many ways! Here are some simple steps:



Thank God

Start by thanking Him for your family, friends, food, and all the good things in your life.



Tell God How You Feel

If you are happy, tell Him! If you are sad, ask for His comfort.



Ask for Help

If you need **help with school, making friends, or being kind**, ask God for guidance.



Pray for Others

Pray for your parents, teachers, and friends, and even for people you don't know who need help.



Listen to God

After praying, take a moment to sit quietly and listen. God may speak to your heart through a thought, a feeling, or even a Bible verse



A Short Prayer Just for You!

Dear God, thank You for loving me. I know You are always with me. Please help me to be kind, to make good choices, and to trust You in everything I do. Watch over my family and friends, and help me to grow closer to You every day. I love You, Lord! Amen.

I want to encourage you to take **a few minutes every day** to pray. You can do it in the morning, at bedtime, or even while playing outside! Just remember, God loves to hear from you.

I am so proud of you, and I know that God has amazing things planned for your life. Keep praying, keep believing, and always remember—**you are never alone because God is always listening!**

Instructions: Each day, read the scripture, say the prayer, and complete the activity to grow closer to Jesus as we prepare for Resurrection Sunday.



Day 1: Jesus Loves You

Scripture

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me so much that You gave Your life for me. Help me to love others as You love me. Amen.

Activity

Draw a big heart and write the names of people you love inside. Say a prayer for each person.



Day 2: Jesus is Our Shepherd

Scripture

John 10:11 - "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for guiding me and taking care of me like a shepherd. Help me to follow You every day. Amen.

Activity

Make a sheep craft using cotton balls and glue. Write "Jesus is my Shepherd" on it.



Day 3: Jesus Shows Kindness

Scripture

Ephesians 4:32 - "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Prayer

Lord, help me to be kind to others just as You are kind to me. Teach me to forgive and love others. Amen.

Activity

Do one kind thing for someone today. Write or draw what you did in your journal.



Day 4:

Jesus Heals

Scripture

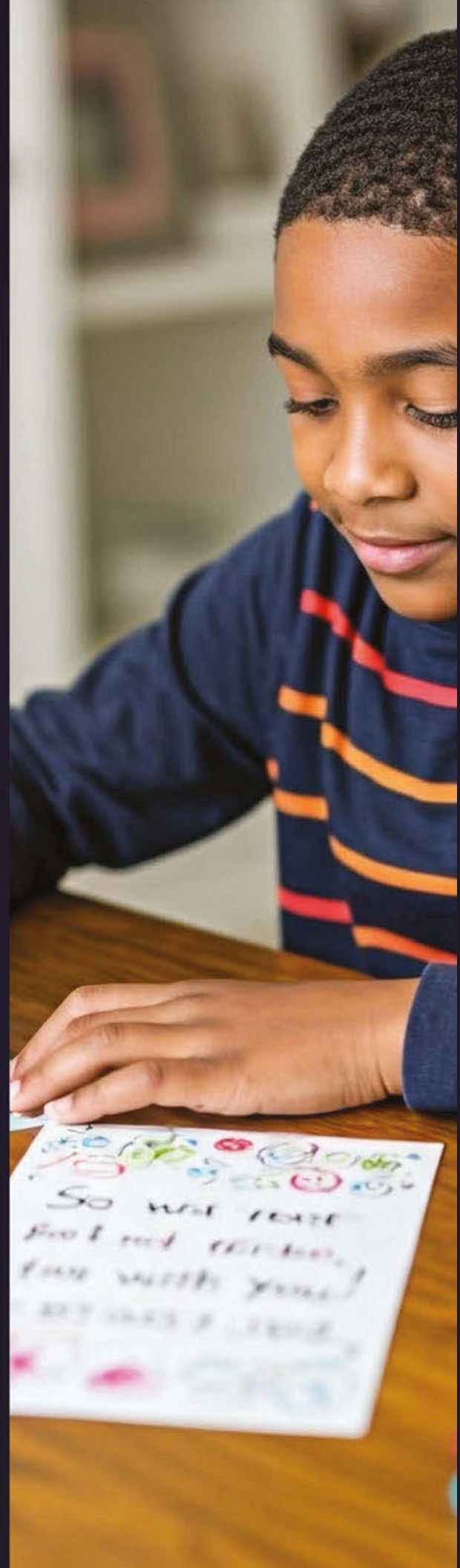
Isaiah 41:10 - "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you."

Prayer

Jesus, I pray for those who are sick or hurting. Please heal them and give them strength. Amen.

Activity

Make a "Get Well Soon" card and give it to someone who needs encouragement.



Day 5: Jesus is a Servant

Scripture

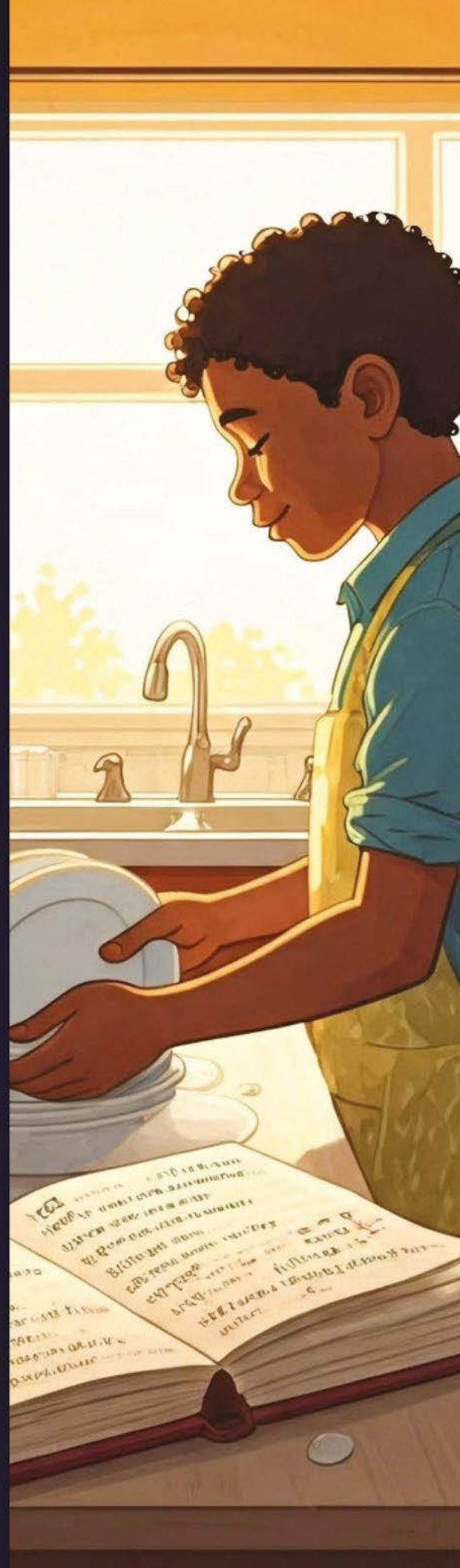
Mark 10:45 - "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Prayer

Lord, teach me to serve others with a happy heart just like You did. Amen.

Activity

Help with a chore at home without being asked. Write about how it made you feel.





Day 6:

Jesus Prays for Us

Scripture

Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for always listening to my prayers. Help me to trust You with all my worries. Amen.

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Let's Grow Together in Faith!

- 1** • Continue your faith journey! Each day brings new lessons.
- 2** • Dive into scripture and prayer. Grow closer to Jesus as Resurrection approaches.
- 3** • Reflect on Jesus' life and teachings. Understand His love and sacrifice.
- 4** • Engage in daily activities. Apply faith in practical ways every day.



Continue the Journey to Resurrection!

- **Day 7:** Matthew 6:9-13. Jesus Teaches Us to Pray using The Lord's Prayer.
- **Day 8:** Matthew 14:20. Jesus Feeds the Hungry by feeding the 5,000.
- **Day 9:** Matthew 14:25-27. Read about the time Jesus Walks on Water.
- **Day 10:** Matthew 4:19. Jesus Calls His Disciples to follow Him.
- **Day 11:** Luke 5:20. Jesus Forgives Sins, showing His love and mercy.



Continue the Journey to Resurrection!

- 1 • **Day 12:** John 11:25 tells how Jesus Raises Lazarus.
- 2 • **Day 13:** Read John 8:12. Discover Jesus as the Light of the World.
- 3 • **Day 14:** Find Jesus as the Bread of Life in John 6:35.
- 4 • **Day 15:** Mark 4:39 recalls Jesus Calming the Storm.
- 5 • **Day 16:** Read John 14:27. Find how Jesus Gives Peace.
- 6 • **Day 17:** In John 15:15, learn that Jesus is Our Friend.



Continue the Journey to Resurrection!

Day 18

1

Matthew 22:37-39 reveals Jesus teaching us to love. Embrace love in your actions and words.

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Day 19

Philippians 2:8 shows Jesus as humble. Practice humility in your interactions.

Day 20

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John 13:14-15 shows Jesus washing feet. Serve others with a humble heart.

4

Day 21

Matthew 21:9 shows Jesus entering Jerusalem. Reflect on Palm Sunday's meaning.

Day 22

5

Matthew 21:13 shows Jesus clearing the temple. Consider what's sacred to you.

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Day 23

Luke 22:19-20 shows the Last Supper. Remember Jesus' sacrifice for us.



The Final Week

Day 24: The Prayer

Matthew 26:39 recounts Jesus praying in the garden. He sought strength and guidance.

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Day 25: The Betrayal

Luke 22:48 tells of Jesus being betrayed. Reflect on loyalty and sacrifice.

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Day 26: The Denial

Luke 22:61-62 reveals Peter denying Jesus. Consider forgiveness and redemption.

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Day 27: The Crucifixion

Luke 23:33-34 portrays Jesus' crucifixion. Reflect on His suffering and love.

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Day 28: The Burial

Matthew 27:59-60 describes Jesus' death and burial. Pause and remember this event.

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Day 29: The Waiting

Isaiah 40:31 invites waiting on the Lord. Find strength and renewal in faith.

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Day 30: The Resurrection!

Matthew 28:6 proclaims Jesus is risen! Celebrate hope and new life.