

pray for ★ columbus

YOUTH - September 2022 Prayer Guide

ANSWERED PRAYERS

- A [Barna study](#) just released this summer reports that the “**percentage of Millennials reporting weekly church attendance has increased from 21 to 39 percent. Among Gen X, attendance has increased 8 percentage points as well (24%-32%).** Praise God for this hunger in youth to attend church!
 - **Praise God for the ending of the teacher’s strike at Columbus City Schools. The Church of Columbus is also working on helping address some of the issues related to this strike.** Please continue to pray for all involved.
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SPECIFIC REQUESTS

- Pray for **faithful, Biblical teaching and discipleship of the next generation** (Deuteronomy 6:6-7 and Psalm 78:4-7).
- Pray for special **protection over families and marriages raising children.**
- Ask the **Holy Spirit to instill in young people a holy reverence and fear of the Lord**, which is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10)
- **Pray for youth ministry leaders and youth pastors across our city and college campuses.** Ask the Lord to anoint them to guard their lives according to God’s word, flee lust and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace with others who are pure in heart. (Psalm 119:9 and 2 Timothy 2:22)
- Pray **against the sexualization and gender-confusion agenda of the enemy** that is attacking our youth and culture (Ephesians 6:10-19). Ask Jesus to remove any blindfolds from the god of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4) and for youth everywhere to come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4).
- Specific, measurable prayers for our city:
 - **Pray for the percentage of Christians to increase faster than our general population.**
 - **Ask God for a dramatic decrease in all forms of violent crime in Columbus over the next two years.**
 - **Ask God for every single Columbus City School to have a church or Christian nonprofit partnership.**

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PRAISE and THANKSGIVING

- **Worship God meditating on Psalm 145:4-13.** List out God's attributes from this passage and bring to your remembrance ways He has been faithful and loving towards you.
 - **Come into His Presence with thanksgiving.** Share with others in your prayer group or with a trusted friend things you thank God for in your life.
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CONFESSION and INTERCESSION

- **Ask God to search your heart and show you anything inside you that is out of alignment with His will or not submitted to Him. Yield to God's prompting** if confession, reconciliation or forgiveness is needed. (Psalm 139:23-24, 1 John 1:9, and Matthew 5:23-24)
 - **Bless the next generation with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness. Pray specifically for the youth in your circle of influence.** (Matthew 5:6, 1 Timothy 4:12)
 - **Pray for a movement of believers in our city to pray for, disciple, protect and bless the next generation** (Matthew 28:16-20).
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PRAY ALOUD

Lord Jesus, we lift up the next generation to You. We pray for their protection and we bless them with Your peace. May the youth of our city guard their lives according to Your Word. May they flee lust and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace with others who are pure in heart. Help believers everywhere to stand firm against the schemes of the enemy and expose lies targeting our youth. May teachers and school administrators everywhere fear You and lift up what is good and true and beautiful. Awaken us all to the truth and instill in Your people everywhere courage to be strong salt and bright lights in our dark culture. Would we all come to You in trusting faith as children, eager to sit in Your lap and receive instruction. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit moving in our young adults and children in mighty ways. In Jesus' precious Name we pray, Amen.