

Third Thursday Notes

January 15, 2026 - Praying for Students

A new year has begun. Prayer can set the stage for an impactful year of ministry!

The Why - Why Pray to Start the New Year?

- **It's A New Year!** Set aside time to pray for your students by name and set the tone for 2026!
- **Our Deep Need!** As youth workers we need the Lord to move - he is in charge of our youth ministries invite Him to move in the lives of students!

The What - What/Who Are We Praying For?

- **Students & They come in all shapes, sizes, and styles!**
 - Your Peters - those living for Jesus in all their imperfect glory!
 - Your Pauls - those who bring in young people needing to know Jesus!
 - Your Prodigals - those who are running away from the Lord!
 - Your Pre-Christians - those students you haven't even met yet!
 - And all that in between!

The How - Practical Prayer Tips for All Year Long!

- Write down students' names and pray for each one! Set aside time in your weekly schedule and devote it to praying for students!
- Ask students for prayer requests either in person or create a simple prayer request sheet they can complete and then pray for their specific needs! This is all in your head – spiritual warfare from the enemy.
- Give opportunities for your volunteers, youth workers, senior pastor, and others to pray for students!

Resources: Praying for Students

- Alliance 40 Days of Prayer (<https://40days.cmalliance.org/>)
- Axis Parent Resource - How to Talk About Prayer with Your Teen (<https://axis.org/resource/prayer-conversation-kit/>)
- A Prayer for a Wandering student ([a-prayer-for-a-wandering-child](https://www.axis.org/resource/a-prayer-for-a-wandering-child))
- Buy this book: *Valley of Vision: a collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions*

How does this affect *you*? How does this affect *your leaders*? How does this affect *your students*?