

40 DAYS OF PRAYER




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FOR GLOBAL YOUTH



**Then you will
call on me and
come and pray
to me, and I will
listen to you.**

Day One

There are more than 1.8 Billion youth (12-24 year olds) in the world today.

That is approximately 28% of the world's population! Pray that the Gospel will go forth and penetrate the lives of young people. Pray that the Lord will continue to send workers to this harvest field.

Read Matthew 28:18-20.

Day Two

Of the 1.8 Billion youth, roughly 96% live OUTSIDE of the United States.

Pray for young people who live in these different cultures and who are exposed to false teachings of other religions.

Pray that the One True God would pour His light into their lives. Pray Psalm 25-1-10 over these young people who need Jesus today!

Day Three

There are limited resources for youth and youth workers outside of the United States. Of the world's youth ministry resources, only about 10% of trained youth workers, youth leader training, and general youth ministry resources reach the 96%. Please pray for the Lord to continue to send trained youth workers to minister to the world's youth.

Read and pray Matthew 9:35-38.

Day Four

We believe that 12-24 year olds are the largest unreached people group (age demographic) in the world today. Today's youth are tomorrow's adult leaders. 9 out of 10 people make a decision to follow Christ before they turn 18. Pray for these young people as they are inundated with all sorts of messages. Pray that the message of Jesus will be louder than any other message they might hear. Pray that John 14:6 might be the message that these young people hear.

Day Five

As you continue to pray for the spirituality of youth, we must not forget about other factors that determine the quality of life for young people. Read Matthew 25:35-40. Please pray for the physical, emotional, psychological, and social needs of youth. We believe that Jesus met these needs of people in Scripture and believe we must seek to the same today.

Day Six

Education is huge factor in the lifeblood of a nation...or continent. According to the African Economic Outlook, it is estimated that 50% of youth in Africa are illiterate. However, some of the research is encouraging. Based on current trends, 59% of 20-24 year olds will have had secondary education in 2030, compared to 42% today. Pray for the youth of Africa who have access to quality education to learn and grow so that the future of Africa might be bright.

Day Seven

Barriers to female education include negative social and cultural attitudes, lack of appreciation of the value of female education, the burden of household work, and long journeys to school. Girls from poor families, rural areas, urban slums and ethnic and language minorities are much less likely to complete full education cycles. Please pray for female youth in this region. Pray for society to see the value of young women and encourage their education.

Day Eight

Education in Europe is shown to be highly important to the culture.

Generally, at ages 16 to 19 the majority of young people are still in the education system. Recent statistics show that nearly 90% of students who are 16-17 years old are still in the education system. Students could on average expect to stay in education for 17 years. However, there has been a drastic decline of students enrolled in the educational system in Eastern European countries.

Day Nine

The World Fund acknowledges that the majority of Latin American children are not receiving a high-quality and relevant education. As a result, too many Latin American youth entering the labor force lack the skills necessary to find dignified work and participate in an increasingly competitive, information-rich and globalized economy. Pray for teachers to receive the proper training to teach well.

Day Ten

Youth account for 60% of all African unemployed, according to the World Bank. In North Africa, the youth unemployment rate is an eyebrow-raising 30%. It is even worse in Botswana, the Republic of the Congo, Senegal, South Africa and several other countries. Those who are able to find work still are paid low wages. Pray for those affected by unemployment. Pray for development to continue to take place and jobs to be created.

Day Eleven

The transition between education and employment is one of the main obstacles facing youth in Asia.

Unemployment among youth in Asia is estimated to be around 11%, more than double the rate of the total working age population. Often times these youth are discouraged and stop looking for work altogether. This prolonged inactivity threatens their future prospects as well. Pray for perseverance as young people strive to provide for themselves and their families.

Day Twelve

In Europe, the 18-25 age group is becoming a lost generation, making their way in an adult world of few jobs and limited opportunities. More displeasing for them is that they were in school when the crash began, and yet they are the ones paying for their parents' generation's mistakes. Youth unemployment across Europe in January this year was 21.4%. Pray for these young people who are well educated but are struggling to find jobs.

Day Thirteen

According to a study by Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Population Fund, nearly one-third of young people in Latin America and the Caribbean live in poverty, which contravenes their human rights, enshrined in international treaties. Pray for these young people to have the perseverance to seek and obtain employment. Pray for an improvement in the quality of working conditions.

Day Fourteen

Experts estimate that 1.6 million people die each year as a result of violence, including homicides and war. Violence is one of the leading causes of death among youth. (Advocatesforyouth.org) Pray for the God of Peace to bring peace into the lives of young people. We see acts of violence everyday here in the US, and the world's population of youth is not immune to violence. Please pray for young people to see the value of human life.

Day Fifteen

Human Trafficking is an epidemic worldwide. Nearly 33% of all cases involved youth under the age of 18, with 21% being girls. The International Labour Organization estimates that over \$150 billion in illicit profits is made by the private economy annually by those who trade human beings today and that around \$99 billion of this amount is attributed to commercial sexual exploitation. Pray for an end to human trafficking worldwide!

Day Sixteen

Several African countries, such as Mauritania, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Sudan are some of the world's leading countries where modern slavery is widespread and a very common occurrence. African countries made 15 of the top twenty countries in the world engaged in modern day slavery according to the 2014 Global Slavery Index report. Pray for proper legislation to punish the perpetrators and to ensure that the victims are adequately protected.

Day Seventeen

The 2014 Global Slavery Index (GSI) found that there are nearly 36 million victims of human trafficking worldwide. Of that, 36 million, nearly two-thirds, are from Asia. Over 100,000 youth are held in the bondage of sex trafficking in the Philippines. It has become the fourth largest source of income in the nation. Pray for the effectiveness of organizations in preventing, rescuing, rehabilitating, and discipling victims who have lost their innocence.

Day Eighteen

The country of Moldova has the highest rate of human trafficking in Europe. The average life expectancy for a girl being trafficked in this country is 3 years (from the time she is trafficked). The "pimp" will make an average of 250,000 euros (\$285,000) for her "work." Our heart breaks for these precious young ones who are having their innocence stripped away. Pray on behalf of those without a voice today.

Day Nineteen

India has the world's largest youth population - 356 million 10-24 year-olds (The TOTAL population of the United States is 319 million). As these youth become adults, their influence will continue to grow. Please pray for the Lord to use Christ-followers in India to proclaim Truth and for God to draw more and more young people to Himself. This future influence will determine the future of India.

Day Twenty

Africa is a young continent, with an average age of 18. (average age in USA is 37). 32% of the entire African population is between the ages of 10-24. 40% of Africans - 416 million people - are 14 years old or less. Today's youth are tomorrow's adults. Pray for these young people! The adult population is evaporating due to disease and war. These youth have no adults to teach them. Pray for God to provide Godly men and women who desire to see these youth mentored for the Kingdom.

Day Twenty One

Adolescent childbearing rates remain high in some countries because of the persistent prevalence of child marriage. Child marriage is associated with a high likelihood of complications in pregnancy and childbirth and is among the leading causes of death for girls between the ages of 15 and 19 worldwide. Pray for the Lord to allow them to see themselves for who He created them to be.

Day Twenty Two

The country of Armenia (to the west of Turkey) claims to be a Christian nation. However, a poll taken a few years ago might reveal something different. 90% of youth surveyed said they are not sure or don't believe that God exists. Pray for the foundations of faith to be laid properly. Pray for these young people as outside influences, war, and persecution force youth to make difficult decisions.

Day Twenty Three

According to UNICEF..."There are at least 100 million street children globally, with an estimated 18 million of these living in India, which has the largest numbers of street children of any country in the world." Pray for these "outcasts" as they seek to navigate life in a way many of us never have. Pray for the Lord to provide healthy families and friends for these young people.

Day Twenty Four

In the Ukraine, when orphaned youth with disabilities turn 18 years old, they are forced to leave state-run orphanages and live on the street or in asylums. Pray for the fatherless. New Mission Systems has a missionary ministering to these special young people. They are currently planning to build a home for these young people to transition into once they turn 18. Pray for this ministry and others to have endurance to meet the needs of these youth.

Day Twenty Five

One of the ways the Gospel is being spread in the country of Myanmar is through Business Education and Entrepreneurship training. Youth are seeking to be trained in business and God is using this type of training so that relationships can be built and the Gospel can be shared. Pray for Christ-followers who are training these young people. Pray for boldness and a deeper relationship. Pray for Burmese youth to hear the Gospel and surrender their lives to Christ.

Day Twenty Six

Pray for the persecuted Church in Asia. Although persecution is harsher in some countries than others, throughout Central Asia persecution looks to be increasing rapidly. Many national governments fear civil unrest so they seek to keep tight control. In some countries it is illegal to teach faith to anyone under 18 years old, including children in the home. Pray for perseverance as these Christ-followers face increasing persecution.

Day Twenty Seven

Immigrant churches in Europe have large youth attendance. Training their leaders to invest in youth is a key strategy for church growth in an area of the world where the church is declining. Pray for the training and development of youth workers. Pray for these churches to continue to welcome and minister to young people. Pray for youth to come to know Christ and proclaim Him in a post-Christian context.

Day Twenty Eight

Over 3 million youth attend some 1,800 colleges and universities in Manila, Philippines. Many of these young people will end up gaining employment in another country after college. Currently just over 130 of these college campuses have a Christian ministry outreach to them. Pray for these college students to come to faith in Christ and be disciplined before going to “the Nations.” It would be amazing to see these youth fulfill the Great Commission!

Day Twenty Nine

Australia is one of the least religious nations in the developed world, with religion not described as a central part in many people's lives. This view is prominent among Australia's youth, who were ranked as the least religious worldwide in a 2008 survey conducted by The Christian Science Monitor. Pray for church planters, pastors, and youth workers to clearly proclaim the Gospel and make disciples who make disciples.

Day Thirty

60% of the world's youth live in Asia where less than 10% of the population are Christians. Pray for the influence of both adult and youth Christ-followers in Asia to permeate the culture. Ask the Father to continue to send workers into this harvest field.

Day Thirty One

According to UNESCO, approximately 515 million adolescents and youth (worldwide) live on less than \$2 a day. Many of us will never experience this type of extreme poverty. The physical, intellectual, and emotional development is stunted when nutrition is non-existent. Pray for the youth and their families who are struggling to live each day and who are going without the necessities of life. Pray for the holistic needs that youth need to thrive.

Day Thirty Two

Pray for developing nations to see the importance of educating their girls and women. There are 62 million girls not receiving an education around the world. When women work outside of the home, they help the community grow and thrive, raising the nation's income 20% or more.

Day Thirty Three

Suicide accounted for more than 25% of all deaths among 15-24 year old Australians in 2012. Please pray for the Lord to continually pursue a loving relationship with these youth. Pray for these young people to see their own lives as valuable and precious to a loving Savior.

Day Thirty Four

There are nearly 20 million refugees around the world today. Youth and children make up 50% of that number. There are over 7 million more refugees today than in 2013. Pray Matthew 25:34-40 becomes a reality for Christ-followers today. "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Pray for the sojourners, the homeless, and the discouraged today. Pray that they understand the hope and the future that can only come through Christ Jesus.

Day Thirty Five

More than one million Syrian children have been forced to flee their war-torn country. Of these young refugees, one in every three is between the ages of 12 and 18. This is the generation that will be tasked with rebuilding Syria. And yet, they are consistently missing out on critical life milestones like building social skills, developing confidence and getting an education.

Day Thirty Six

According to UNICEF, it is estimated there are between 143 million and 210 million orphans worldwide. Each day 38,493 orphans age out. Every 2.2 seconds another orphan ages out with no family to belong to and no place to call home. In Russia and the Ukraine, studies have shown that 10% - 15% of these children commit suicide before they reach age eighteen. Ask the Lord to show each of His followers that we can each do something.

Day Thirty Seven

Join us in praying for YouthHOPE teammates Adam, Kristy, Jamie, Niw, and Allison as they serve as Prosperous Youth Foundation in Thailand. They are ministering to over 70 youth hostels and building relationships with young people.

Day Thirty Eight

Village girls living near Nsaru, Malawi are often at risk for harassments, lack of education, and pregnancies. Because of this, missionaries Rutherford and Tsahai

Banda established Elizabeth Hope House. This girl's' home is providing safety and protection to 48 girls. This home gives them a safe place where they can live and allows them to stay in school. Please pray for these girls as they move forward, that they will excel in school and their hearts will be open to the hope they have in Christ!

Day Thirty Nine

At YouthHOPE, we exist to transform the lives of global youth by equipping the Church to meet their holistic needs.

Please pray for us as we continue to partner with existing churches and ministries who are ministering to youth.

Pray for us as we train and resource youth ministry leaders. Pray for us as we recruit and mobilize Christ-followers for global youth ministry.

Day Forty

Over the course of the last 40 days, we pray that you have learned more about global youth and global youth ministry.

We hope that you have become more aware and engaged in understanding the needs of youth around the world. Pray that God would move you to respond to the needs of global youth.

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to thank you for praying for
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