

A Prayer for Youth

“As Jesus with the disciples of Emmaus so the Church must become today the traveling companion of young people” (Pope John Paul II). As traveling companions of the young people in our parish, let us join together in prayer.

We offer to you, loving God, the gifts and needs of youth.
Bless them with your guiding grace
as they face the challenges and opportunities of their lives.

Touch their hearts with the gentleness of your love,
that they may know they are valued and valuable beings.

Send your spirit of hope to their lives,
that they may believe in themselves
and know they are needed in this world.

Grace them with the gift of joy
that they may celebrate life through laughter and tears alike.

Guide us, as we continue to grow
in our appreciation of the many gifts of young people,
in the ministry opportunities we offer to them,
in the journey of faith we walk with them,
in our shared mission as a community called discipleship in the world.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen