

Prayer for Those Working with Youth

Our Lord and God,
as we continue our ministry with youth,
we come to You seeking Your blessing.
Help us to proclaim, not by words,
but by the dedication of our hearts,
the realness of Your Kingdom.

As we concern ourselves
with the practical necessities of our ministry,
keep us attuned to the needs of those we serve.
Open our third eyes,
so that we may see beyond the surface behavior,
and know the truth within.
Grant us listening ears, to hear those who are whispering for help.

May we at all times proclaim
the values and principles for which we stand.
May we never water down the high ideals of the Gospels
just so we may be accepted by others.
May we with humility, deep love and humor
continue to strive to be Your servants,
and servants of our faith community.

Remind us Lord and Source of True Wisdom,
that success must be seen through Your Divine Eyes,
and that You do indeed work in mysterious ways -
in seeming successes and in apparent failures, as well.
Help us remember that You seek individual hearts and not crowds,
and numbers have never been a scale
for measuring Your Divine Presence.

We thank You for the opportunity that is ours,
and ask that with Your Holy Help,
we may allow our work and service
to be a source of personal growth in holiness.
Lord, challenge us to greatness and to excellence in service to Your youth.
And may we see that holy challenge in all of our day-to-day
living.

We ask this through our Lord and Brother, Jesus Christ.
Amen.