

# THRIVING YOUTH

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(Psalm 71:5)*



## 24-7 PRAYER FOR REVIVAL 5 - 11 June 2023

Our focus for this week:

- **Thriving Youth**

Praying for youth and young adults to know God

- **Children of unreached Cities**

Praying for the children of unreached cities in Southeast Asia

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Depression, anxiety, education, poverty are a few of the common areas of struggle for our youth and young adults. This week we will be focusing on these areas and pray promises from Scripture into their lives.

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### MONDAY: 5 JUNE 2023

#### WORDS OF LIFE

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit. (Proverbs 18:21).*

The latest [online statistics of 2023](#) show that 500,000 predators are a daily threat to kids on the Internet. Children aged 12 to 15 are the main target of online predators.

#### Let us pray

Pray for **parents, guardians, teachers and coaches** to speak words of affirmation and encouragement to young people.

With many young people engaging on social media platforms, words of affirmation can be relayed in the number of 'likes', 'shares' and 'followers'. Pray for young people to understand that **God is interested in the condition of their hearts.**

Ask for the youth to be **protected against online predators** who use words of deceit to exploit them.

*But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7).*

## YANGON – MYANMAR

*Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate. (Psalm 127:3-5).*

The current population of Yangon in 2023 is 5,610,000 and is situated in Lower Burma (Myanmar) at the convergence of the Yangon and Bago Rivers about 30km away from the Gulf of Martaban. Street children in Yangon find themselves daily scraping through the refuse of Yangon's slums for scraps to sell. Pray for the church of Jesus Christ worldwide to consider once again her responsibility towards children through foster parenting of children and caring for their health etc. Pray for financial provision for ministries focusing on children, the freedom to operate, and the children to meet Jesus in difficult circumstances. Pray for these children to develop a strong self-esteem rooted in the realisation that they are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus.

### Pray a blessing

Children of Yangon may the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control help you to grow into the likeness of the Lord Jesus (Galatians 5:22-23a).

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## TUESDAY: 6 JUNE 2023

### POVERTY

*Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? (Luke 12:24).*

### Let us pray

In many places around the world youth are involved in economic activities and **bear a burden of responsibility for their families**. Lift up young people in your community before the Lord in prayer who **give up their education** to provide for their families financially. Ask the **Lord's protection** from schemes that promise quick access to wealth that often involves crime.

*"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30).*

## BANGKOK – THAILAND

*Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13).*

Bangkok's population is now estimated at 11,069,982. Bangkok is located on the delta of the Chao Phraya River, about 25 miles (40 km) from the Gulf of Thailand. At least 600,000 migrant children in Thailand live on construction sites. These children are particularly vulnerable to child labour and abuse. They live a hard life, searching for work and food to provide for themselves and those they love. Many are being sexually abused (boys and girls); many have no future because there is little hope of meaningful education. Please pray for this "lost generation". Ask for them to find peace and salvation in Christ. Pray for international intervention and help to build and supply schools in Thailand to provide them with primary and secondary education.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Bangkok may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:14).

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**WEDNESDAY: 7 JUNE 2023**

### **EDUCATION**

*The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. (Proverbs 18:15).*

Ninety percent of the world's population had completed a primary education in 2020 and sixty-six percent had attained a secondary education. The numbers were even lower in tertiary education at about 40 percent of the global population.

### **Let us pray**

Pray for wisdom and guidance for members of the regional and **national education department** of your nation.

Ask for **girls and women to have equal opportunities** as their male counterparts.

Ask for **resources** to be made available and that youth will use the opportunities to develop skills in **mathematics, science, technology and engineering**.

*Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. (Psalms 37:4-5).*

### **PHNOM PENH – CAMBODIA**

*Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me." (Mark 9:36-37).*

The current metro area population of Phnom Penh is 2,281,000 and the city is situated in the south-central region of Cambodia, at the confluence of the Tonlé Sap and the Mekong rivers. Poverty drives child rights violations including accessing education and health services, child labour, trafficking, abuse and vulnerability to risks. Parents are having trouble paying for essential items, while children have less dietary diversity and access to food. Ask the Holy Spirit to convict the church to reach out to children, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Pray for God to send workers to Phnom Penh's children to provide food and safe shelters to teach Scripture to the children and share the love of Jesus with them.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Phnom Penh you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free (John 8:32).

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**THURSDAY: 8 JUNE 2023**

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8).*

Worldwide, 5% of all deaths of young people between the ages of 15 and 29 are attributable to alcohol use. Initiation of drug use occurs typically during late teenage and early adulthood. One out of two young people who start and continue to smoke will be killed by tobacco-related illness.

### **Let us pray**

Ask the Holy Spirit to comfort **youth and young adults who are facing an emotionally difficult period in their lives** like strained family relationships, adjusting to a new school or area, losing a loved one etc.

Pray for **parents and guardians to teach young people** to speak to the Holy Spirit who is our Comforter when they feel overwhelmed.

Pray for **wisdom for counselors** at rehabilitation centres to assist patients to be restored physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

*Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. (Psalm 61:1-2).*

### **HO CHI MINH – VIETNAM**

*But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND NURSING INFANTS YOU HAVE PERFECTED PRAISE'?" (Matthew 21:15-16).*

Ho Chi Minh City's population is now estimated at 9,320,866. The city lies along the Saigon River to the north of the Mekong River delta, about 80km from the South China Sea. Of 6.5 million children under 5 years old in Vietnam, nearly 1.7 million are malnourished and stunted. Stunting caused by malnutrition is also known as chronic malnutrition, which causes major implications for the physical strength, height and intellectual development of children. Pray for the church to take up the responsibility to care for these children and especially orphans. Ask the Lord to give these hungry children their daily bread and to end their persistent hunger. Pray for the Lord to provide the food, high in nutrition, they need to grow and thrive.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Ho Chi Minh those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint (Isaiah 40:31).

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### **FRIDAY: 9 JUNE 2023**

#### **ABUSE**

*'Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.'* (Zechariah 7:9-10).

### **Let us pray**

Pray for youth and young adults who are exposed to **verbal, emotional and physical abuse** in their households.

Ask the **Father of mercies and the God of all comfort** to reveal Himself to them.

Pray for **healing and restoration** in their lives and that they will use their testimonies of the Lord's goodness in their lives to reach out to others who face similar situations.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).*

## **SURABAYA - INDONESIA**

*But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. (Luke 18:16).*

Surabaya's population is now estimated at 3,044,413. Situated on the northeastern coast of Java, it lies along the Surabaya Strait opposite the island of Madura. Street children in Indonesia are mostly considered by large communities as a slum group. Bullying often happens to street children who have an underprivileged background in the eyes of the community. Pray for every child to have an opportunity to come to know the Lord Jesus personally. Pray for them to have a secure environment (with food and shelter) and the opportunity to receive an education. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers to Surabaya to proclaim the gospel boldly to the children.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Surabaya the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore (Psalm 121:8).

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## **SATURDAY: 10 JUNE 2023**

### **MENTAL HEALTH**

*Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance. (Psalm 42:5).*

Suicide is the fourth leading cause of death among 15-29-year-olds. People with severe mental health conditions die prematurely – as much as two decades early – due to preventable physical conditions.

### **Let us pray**

Call on God on behalf of **young people who are downcast** and ask the Lord to reveal Himself to them as **God, my exceeding joy** (Psalm 43:4).

Pray for them to call on the name of the Lord in their times of anguish, for He promises that **He delivers those who call on His name** (Psalm 50:15).

*... that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16-19).*

## **KUALA LUMPUR – MALAYSIA**

*Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, for they are from of old. (Psalm 25:6).*

Kuala Lumpur's population is now estimated at 8,621,724. The city is situated in west-central Peninsular (West) Malaysia, midway along the west coast tin and rubber belt and about 40km east of its ocean port, Port Kelang, on the Strait of Malacca. Many children in Malaysia still live in poverty; live with disabilities;

are indigenous children at risk or have no valid documentation and are stateless. The lack of opportunities prevents them from having access to services vital for achieving their full potential. Please pray for these children to have the opportunity to hear of the Lord Jesus and be convicted to follow Him with all their hearts. Ask for a change of heart in churches and church councils throughout the country. Pray for open doors to the gospel in taking it to the lost children of Malaysia.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Kuala Lumpur how great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God (1 John 3:1).

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## **SUNDAY: 11 JUNE 2023**

### **UNCERTAINTY**

*Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. (Psalm 56:3).*

### **Let us pray**

Pray for young people who are **concerned about the future** due to their exposure to reports of political unrest, unemployment, climate change and food security daily. Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to them, for He is the **Alpha and the Omega**. Also pray for young people in your town to turn to Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour. Call on the Holy Spirit to stir the hearts of **young men and women to read the Word of God**, to be transformed by it and to believe the promises of God.

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8).*

## **VIENTIANE - LAOS**

*The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. (Psalm 33:13)*

Vientiane's population is now estimated at 1,001,477. Vientiane is situated on a plain just northeast of the Mekong River. Many children in Laos are victims of physical and sexual abuse. Sexual tourism is another form of abuse that is commonly prevalent in Laos. HIV and poverty have also led to an increase in the number of orphans who live in unhygienic conditions and extreme poverty. Nearly 30% of births are not officially registered with the Laotian authorities. Pray for effective strategies to reach these vulnerable children of Laos. Pray especially for children to be able to escape from captivity in brothels. Ask for Laotian children to have many opportunities to know Jesus as their Saviour.

### **Pray a blessing**

Children of Vientiane he who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and buckler...He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways (Psalm 91:1-2, 4, 11).

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