

**PRAYERS** FOR

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## Prayers for African American Youth

Heavenly Father in the name of Your son Yahshua/Jesus our Messiah, we ask the following for our youth: children and teenagers,

**Wisdom** – First and foremost we pray for wisdom. Lead us and guide us in every way. Help us to train our children up in the way that they should go so that when they are old they will not depart from it. Give us wisdom on how to discipline, give them boundaries, correct bad behavior and handle them with love, understanding, and firmness. Proverb 22:6

**Salvation** – Lord, let salvation spring up within our children, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Yahshua/Jesus our Messiah, with eternal promises. We pray that every child will come to love You and find salvation according to Your commandment that says, “You shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind and all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5, Mark 12:30

**Biblical Training** – We pray that our children will value the entire Book of the Law and will study, learn and honor Your commandments as the blueprint for their lives, that these commandments that You gave to us will be upon their hearts. That we will teach them diligently to our children. Talk about them when we sit at home and when we walk along the road, when we lie down and when we get up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7

**Specifically, we will teach our children the following based on Your TEN Commandments given by Your servant Moses on Mount Sanai**

That You are the LORD their GOD. Exodus 20:2

To not have other gods before You. Exodus 20:3

To not make any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. To not bow down themselves to them, nor serve them: for You are a jealous GOD, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate You. And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love You and keep Your commandments. Exodus 20:4-6

To not take the name of the LORD thy GOD in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain. Exodus 20:7

To remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt they labor, and do all their work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD our God: in it they shalt not do any work: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Exodus 20:8-11

To honor their father and their mother. Exodus 20:12

To not kill. Exodus 20:9-13

To not commit adultery. Exodus 20:9-14

To not steal. Exodus 20:9-15

To not bear false witness against their neighbor. Exodus 20:9-16

To not covet their neighbor's possessions. Exodus 20:17

**Purpose** – You are the potter, and our children are the clay. They are all the work of Your hand. We pray that our children will be Holy vessels: set apart for Your specific use. We pray that every child will maximize their full potential as You have given them skills, talents, and particular abilities for a reason. Help them to stay focused and not distracted. For we know the thoughts that you think toward them, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give them an expected end. Isaiah 64:8 Jeremiah 29:11

**Protection** – We pray for protection for our children. In the name of Yahshua/Jesus, we come against any attempts of the adversary to steal, kill, or destroy them. We receive Your word that says, If you make the Most High your dwelling even the LORD who is your refuge then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your dwelling place. For we believe that You will command Your angels concerning them to guard them in all their ways. Psalms 91:9-12

**Fruit of the Spirit** – We pray that our children will grow in every fruit of the spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22

**Love** – We pray that our children will grow in love toward one another. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking.

It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13

***Live Peaceably*** – We pray that whenever possible our children will choose to live peaceably with all men especially those within their family and community. Ridding themselves of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Being kind and compassionate, forgiving others, just as You forgive them. We pray that Godly character will penetrate their hearts and tear down strongholds. Give them clarity of mind so that they may be used by you to do good works. Ephesians 4:31-32

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORD THAT PROVIDES A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIFE OF YAHSHUA/JESUS OUR MESSIAH FROM HIS YOUTH TO ADULthood IN LUKE 2:52, AS IT READS: “AND YAHSHUA/JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM AND STATURE, AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND WITH MAN.”**

***Increase Our Children in Wisdom*** – We pray that just as Yahshua/Jesus increased in wisdom that our children will grow in wisdom, understanding and truth. That with every opportunity they will turn their ear to wisdom and apply their heart to understanding, for we know that, if each one calls out for insight and cries aloud for understanding, and if each one looks for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then they will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of GOD. Proverbs 2:2-5 Luke 2:52

***Increase Our Children in Stature*** – We pray that just as Yahshua/Jesus increased in stature that our children will grow in stature from the womb as infants to adulthood: Let them be healthy and strong. Help them to always sleep peacefully and safely with no harm to their lives. We pray that they achieve infant and childhood milestones on time or even early. Bless them cognitively, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. We pray that our children grow in Your grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Yahshua/Jesus CHRIST to Him be glorified in their lives both now and forever. 2 Peter 3:18 Luke 2:52 Colossians 2:6-7

***Increase Our Children in Favor*** – We pray that just as Yahshua/Jesus increased in favor with GOD and man that our children will grow in favor. We pray that they will hearken diligently unto Your voice, to observe and to do all Your commandments that they will be blessed coming in and blessed going out. That You O’ GOD will establish them as a holy people unto Yourself and make them the head, and not the tail; above only, and never again beneath. Psalms 63:8 Deuteronomy 28 Mark 10:14-15



**WE PRAY FOR A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN THE HEARTS OF OUR CHILDREN. RESTORE FAITH AND VISION IN THIS GENERATION AND IGNITE IN THEM A HOLY FIRE AND GODLY PASSION THAT WILL DESTROY EVERY UNCLEAN INFLUENCE.**

***Love the word of God*** – We pray that our children will treasure Your word more than material wealth and hate every false way. We pray that they will write Your word on the hearts so that they might not sin against You. We pray that our children will value the entire Book of the Law and will study, learn and honor Your commandments as the blueprint for their lives, that these commandments that You gave to us will be upon their hearts. We pray that as they grow they will not only be hearers of Your Word but doers also. Psalm 119:127-130 Psalm 119:11 Deuteronomy 6:6-7 James 1:22-25

***Self-Esteem*** – We pray that our children will know how precious they are to You. Help them develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are Your workmanship, created in Yahshua/Jesus our Messiah. Give them Christ-centered confidence and Christ-centered worth. Give them Your mind about how You see them and how You feel about them. We pray that they will not be afraid of man but that they will learn to fear You with understanding that You will be with them wherever they go. Let them be encouraged but also create in them a healthy fear of You, that there is nowhere that they can escape from Your Holy Spirit. Ephesians 2:10 Psalm 139:8

***Purity*** -- I pray that our children will take heed of Your Word and keep their bodies pure because they are the temples of Your Holy Spirit. Father, help our children not to be like others around them, but let them flee youthful lusts, be alert and self-controlled in all they do, hate sin, love godliness, righteousness, and the fear of the Lord. We Pray that our children will be guarded against sexual temptation. That they will make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. We pray that they find comfort in You knowing that no temptation has overtaken them that is not common to man. But that You O' God are faithful and will not let them be tempted beyond their ability, but with the temptation, You will also provide the way of escape, that they may be able to endure it. Psalm 119:9,11; 2 Timothy 2:22, Thessalonians 5:6 Romans 13:14 1 Corinthians 10:13

***Protection*** -- We pray for protection for our children from brutality of all kinds, racial profiling, racism, violence, and destruction. Protect them from the hands of the enemy and the wicked. Bless them at home, at school in their neighborhoods and everywhere they go. Keep them safe as they make You the Most High their dwelling even the LORD their refuge let no harm befall them, no disaster come near their dwelling place. For we believe that You will command Your angels concerning them to guard them in all their ways. Psalm 91:9-12

**Academic Excellence** -- We pray that our children will excel in school. Let them have favor with teachers, administrators, counselors, and good relationships with fellow students. Teach our children, Lord, to value work, to work independently and to work at their goals with all their hearts, as working for the Lord and not for men. Give them exceptional knowledge and skills in all subjects that they take. Help them to be at the top and not at the bottom, to be the head and not the tail in every classroom. Grant them the grace to understand what is taught in class. Help them not to grow weary in their studies because they will reap the harvest of excellent grades in due time if they do not give up. Colossians 3:23 Galatians 6:9

**Positive Home Environment** – When it comes to education, we pray that our children will receive a strong foundation at home. We pray that every parent will be their child’s first and most important teacher and advocate. We pray that parents will lead the way in educating their children, inspire a love of learning and stay involved with specific acts of engagement: helping with homework, volunteering at school, attending parent teacher conferences, monitor television, video game, and Internet use, read to their children, sit with their children during homework, and invest in the best educational learning tools whenever possible. We know that when parents and families are involved in their children's education, the children do better and have better feelings about attending school.

**Reforms in Education** – We pray against the consistent stream of our children (disproportionately our boys) that move from public schools into the prison system and declare with a mighty, united voice: **“No More!”** Give us divine strategy to dismantle this school-to-prison pipeline. We are no longer ignorant of satan’s devices as we understand that our very young children are targeted from the time of preschool. It begins with the school placing disciplinary action against our students for subjective behavioral issues and instead of keeping it within the school system they immediately involve the juvenile system. As a result, our students represent a third of school-related arrests causing them to go into the juvenile detention system and are more likely to be suspended or expelled causing them to drop out of school altogether. Lord arise and help us!

**Overcome Challenges** – We pray that you will give our children what they need to overcome and handle the different challenges that they face at school: low parental involvement, low achievement, grading barriers, higher suspension, and expulsion rates, in school arrest, lack of male and female role models within the school that look like them, overdiagnosis for learning disorders and other forms of overt and covert racism---all of which impedes their educational success and contributes to racial disparities that pervade the educational and criminal justice system.

***Violence in Our Communities*** -- We pray against the violence and gangs in our communities and declare with a mighty, united voice: “**NO MORE!**” Lead those who need repentance to turn from the evil and VIOLENCE in their hands. We pray for our children to “Awaken,” to the righteous calling that You have called each one to. We desperately cry out to you: for this is a people robbed and plundered; All of them are snared in holes, And they are hidden in prison houses; They are for prey, and no one delivers; For plunder, and no one says, “Restore!” Isaiah 42:21-22

***Teenage Pregnancy*** --We pray for every young person who feels threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. We intercede for them in love, that You O’ GOD will give them the grace to say ‘yes’ to motherhood and fatherhood and the courage to go on. Help them to repent for not following Your commandments in this area. Give to them the wisdom to reject the false solution of abortion. As children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from Him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. Psalms 127:3-5

***Positive influences and friends*** -- We pray that our children will develop friendships based on the drawing of Your Holy Spirit. Give them friends who are true, wholesome, and mutually encouraging. A faithful friend is a strong defense: and he that hath found such hath found a treasure. Give them wisdom in choosing relationships that will honor You. We pray that they will not become involved in gangs, unrighteous cliques, nor bombarded with ungodly peer pressure. Help their parents discern and act when things are not right; help them to detect depression, mental health issues, thoughts of suicide, trauma, fear, diminished trust in adults and victimization. Ecclesiasticus 6:14

**Now pray the following prayer to confess over our youth:**

Dear Heavenly Father, we bring our youth before You. We commit each one to You for Your loving care. We ask for Your divine protection for them. We decree and declare that Yahushua/Jesus is Lord over our children! Every strategy that the enemy has devised against our children is hindered and defeated.

We pray that You will enable parents to be the loving influence that You want them to be. We pray that they never will be a stumbling block to the children that You have entrusted to them. Enable every parent to be a positive witness and a living epistle to their children. Lord, help them to live lives of integrity before You. Your word tells us that when the righteous walk with integrity, their children are blessed. Proverbs 20:7

We know that the enemy is strategic. He loves to deceive and discourage our youth. He wants to use their desires to get them out of the will of GOD. He wants to use doubt to make them question Your Word, Your goodness, Your promises, Your wisdom and whatever they may be holding onto by faith. He will try to distract them, entangle them and throw them into a vicious cycle of sin, pain, hurt, and defeat. He has a vested interest in their moral collapse.

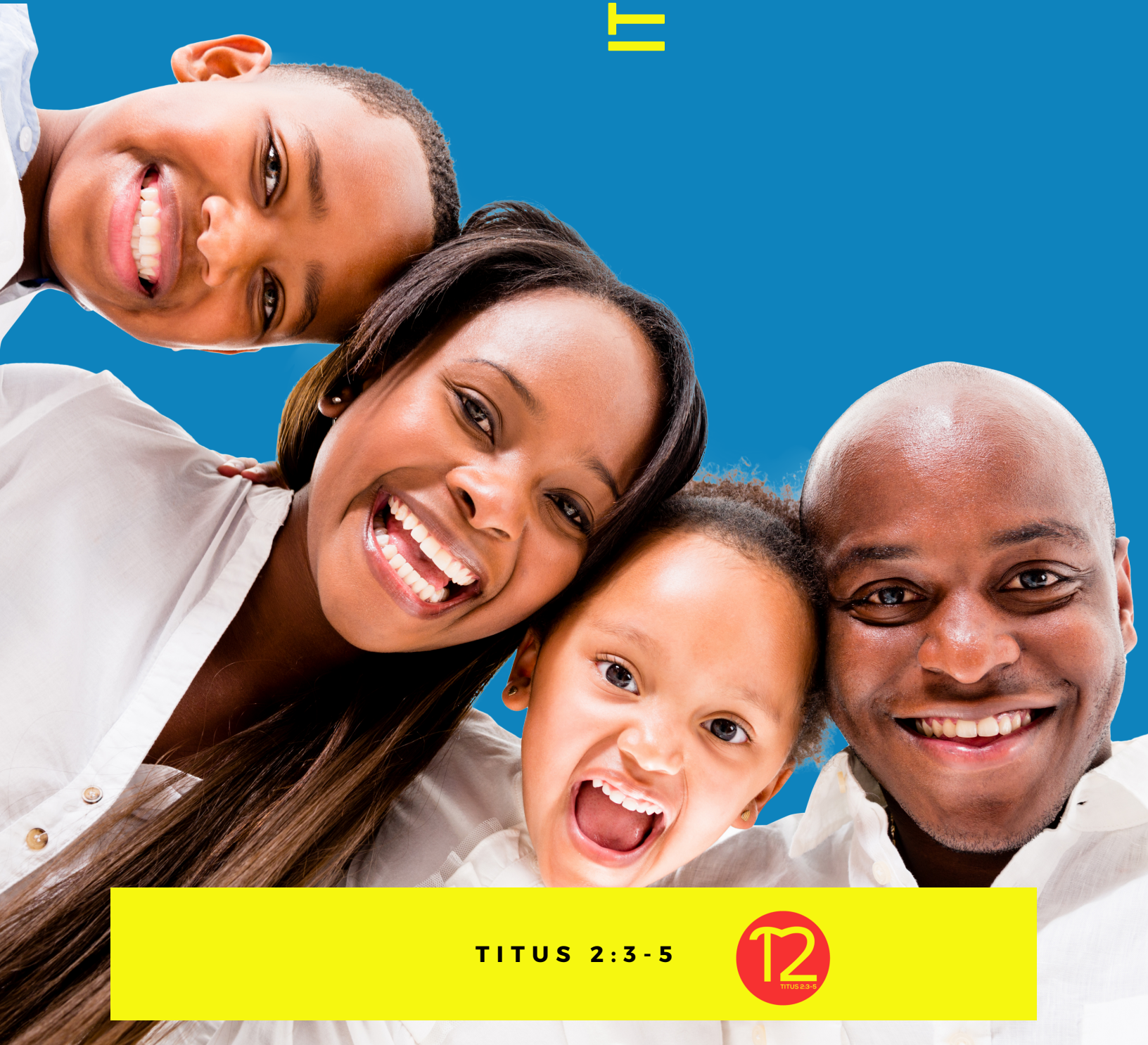
He wants them to align themselves with the world, choose happiness over holiness and deceive them into accepting a lie as the truth. He wants them to fail. He wants them to fall. He wants them to faint. He comes only to kill, steal and to destroy. John 10:10. If he can't stop them, then, he will try to delay them. He wants them to miss GOD's perfect will for their lives. He wants to take them away from serving You and divert them into a life of sin. Ultimately, he wants them to live out eternity in hell.

I thank You that the enemy will not prevail. When our youth are tempted to sin against You, You will provide them with a way of escape. We pray that they find comfort in You knowing that no temptation has overtaken them that is not common to man. But that You O' God are faithful, and will not let them be tempted beyond his or her ability, but with the temptation, You will also provide the way of escape, that they may be able to endure it. Romans 13:14 1 Corinthians 10:13 We ask all of these things in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Yahshua/Jesus our Messiah. Amen.

**Let's praise YAH our Elohim, the GOD of Israel for our youth  
focusing on all of His promises for our people!**

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