

PRAYERS FOR STUDENTS

for this season

Although this isn't necessarily the way that we would choose, what an opportunity we, our families, and these students that we are praying for have. A chance to slow down. A disruption. A pause in the regular schedule of life that is giving us, however unwanted, an opportunity to examine the things that we rely on that are not the Lord, how we spend our time, our money, our energy. What a beautiful time to spend praying for ourselves as well as the students we are praying for to use this time wisely and fruitfully. Even more than that to be those that are taking refuge in the Lord.

"But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love." Psalm 59:16 & 17

Specific ways to pray for your student:

- Anxiety, worries, stress and fears of the future, the overload of media related to COVID19, and what life is about to look like at least for the next 8 weeks.
- For seniors: potentially missing out on graduation, and definitely missing out on regular senior events involved with the end of their high school career.
Can you imagine?
- As students, possibly head into e-learning for at least a few weeks if not the rest of the year, grow in motivation and new learning skills.
 - For those that participated in sports, the disappointment of so many of those seasons and so much hard work being put in and not being able to participate.
 - Students would take the opportunity to experience true rest found only in Jesus.
- Through fears and anxieties they would turn to Scripture, the Church, youth leaders and small group leaders.
- As families spend more time together that the Lord would grant that to be really fruitful time and not one that is filled with annoyances and stress.
- Boldness to share with others about the peace of the Lord in the midst of crisis.
 - Opportunities for our students to be serving others even if it's not face to face.
- Relationships amongst small groups and other believers would actually deepen with more opportunities to be open and honest over facetime, group messages, etc.

More than anything we pray that this time is a time where these students fall more in love with who Jesus is and become resilient disciples. That they will see this very time as an opportunity to grow in their faith that is able to weather through any pandemic or storm that comes their way as adults.