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#### Scripture // Ps. 78:4-6

We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power, and the wonders He has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which He commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

### Scripture to Pray Through

Ephesians 3:14-19

#### What to pray over:

Children's Ministry | Youth Ministry | Your Family | Schools | Youth Sports | The Centre

#### A Prayer for Children

Loving God, Your Son told His disciples to become like little children. Lead us to work for the welfare and protection of all young people. May we respect their dignity that they may flourish in life, following the example of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/topicalprayers/prayers-family-life-and-children

#### A Prayer for Children and Teens to Grow Spiritually Amid School, Family, and Social Pressures

Father, we lift up Children and Teens to grow spiritually in You amid school, family, and social pressures. You often called great men and women in their youth to follow You into their destinies. From David being crowned King as a teen, to Esther saving her people as a young adult, to Mary being bestowed the honor of carrying Your Son, Jesus, as a teen you often have a tender spot in calling youth to their journeys. We pray that during this time between childhood and adulthood that they would come to know You more spiritually. That it would not merely be religion in the sense of rules to be followed, but a deeply rooted relationship where they come to know the character and heart of you God. We pray in these years they embrace You in their hearts, and that seedling of faith will grow into gardens of splendor in Your Kingdom, full of fruit and life. We pray against attacks of the enemy or influences that are seeking to corrupt them. We speak against such spirits in Jesus name, for as You said in Matthew 18 that those who seek to lead a child into sin come in offense against You. We pray for Your Spirit protecting and leading them into true communion with You, growing in truth and Spirit.In Jesus'

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#### A Prayer for Teens Making College Choices

Father, we lift up today teens making the choice of college. If a child chooses to attend a college or to enter into the workforce, they will be faced with many challenges and new-found forks in the road. We know that although we carry our own opinions in the matter, ultimately You know where each path could potentially lead. Father, we pray on behalf of the teen we have in mind that You would steer them towards the choice that will lead them closer to You and the one that will bring fruit to the Kingdom, and true joy to them. The kind of joy that can only be born of the Spirit of God, and the kind of joy that comes from walking in obedience to You. Father,

just as the Israelites followed You through the desert so we pray that our teens would follow You into the Promised Land You have for them.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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#### A Prayer for Children and Teens Social Distancing

Father, we lift up children and teens during this COVID-19 Crisis. Many have been called away from their schools, social lives, and normal activities. That can be shifting to say the least, but we lift them up during this time. We pray for those who feel lonely to feel Your companionship and presence with them. We pray for them to come closer to You, to take this time distanced from the world to ponder the universe outside of their usual lives, and in the course of it to unlock more truth found in You. As they miss the social aspects of life, we pray they can connect with those they care for in new and creative ways. From snail mail to video chats we pray there will still be ability for them to connect with others. We pray they respect and understand the need for social distancing, and that they would become compassionate and have tender hearts towards those who are sick or vulnerable of catching the virus. May this be a time of great growth in their lives. In Jesus' name,

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