

As we come together in prayer, we are reminded of your presence and remember... ~~to pray~~

Let us pray—

O God, who watches over us with endless love and care, we thank you for the journey of life and each of its stages: for childhood, with its sense of wonder and discovery; for adolescence, with its miracle of growth and new relationships; for young adulthood, with its promise and its challenge; for midlife, with its sobering adaptations; and for later years, with their joy and fulfillment and even their new beginnings. It is all a rainbow of splendor and excitement, a pilgrimage of learning and experience.] Help us to walk in it always with a sense of your presence, of never being alone, of living forever under grace. Teach us to rise above our mistakes, to forgive our enemies, to cherish friends, to love adventure.] Inspire us to live to the fullest, both individually and in community. Let the talents of wisdom and love you have given us find rich expression in our ^{work, study,} ~~work~~ and play and daily relationships. Show us how to give ourselves to others until we have overcome the deficiencies in ourselves. Let goodness, mercy, and peace attend us all our days, and bring us at last into the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^{who taught us to pray saying,}

~~We ask you especially to hear the prayers of those in our community:~~
~~for.....~~

~~For it is in the name of Jesus Christ that we pray, who taught us to pray saying....~~

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us ^{from} ~~for~~ evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.