**Chapter 9 – Prayer Guides**

One important thing to remind yourself during the planning pain is that you are dependent on the Lord to do what only He can do at camp. Equally, during the celebration moments, it is important to remember that it was the Lord who did the work. We just get to prepare the altar for God to do amazing things in the lives of students. It is important throughout your camp planning and performing that we rely on the power of prayer from start to finish.

Included here in this chapter are various prayer guides to help you, and you may want to share them with others. As mentioned previously, invite others to pray for God to move in a huge way during your week of camp.

**10 Day Prayer Guide**

**Day 1 - [Date] - PREPARE**

Lord, today we pray you would begin to prepare our hearts to receive you at camp.

[Determine a specific prayer direction you want to establish related to your camp strategy]

*EZRA 7:10*

**Day 2 - [Date] - OUTREACH**

Lord, we pray that those who don’t know you would begin a relationship with you at camp.

[Include prayers for names you know are not believers.]

*EPHESIANS 2:4-6*

**Day 3 - [Date] - WORSHIP**

Lord, we pray that each time we worship at camp, we can enter into your presence.

[Include prayers for the worship leaders]

*REVELATION 4:7-8 OR HEBREWS 12:28-29*

**Day 4 - [Date] - SPEAKER**

Lord, we pray for our speaker, and would you fill them with the message that you need us to hear at camp.

[Pray for the speaker by name and their messages]

*1 CORINTHIANS 2:3-5*

**Day 5- [Date] - SMALL GROUPS**

Lord, we pray for each small group time to be effective in helping us unpack and apply the truths we hear at camp.

[Prayer for the small group leaders by name, prayer over the content being taught]

*ROMANS 15:4*

**Day 6 - [Date] – RECREATION/MISSIONS**

Lord, we pray we could honor you through competition or serving by utilizing the gifts and talents you have blessed us with while making your name great.

[Pray that these times bring great connection and community]

*ROMANS 12:6-8*

**Day 7- [Date] - LOCATION**

Lord, we pray for our time at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to provide growth in our Christian friendships and community.

[May include thoughts on travel to and from the staff for wherever you are going to camp]

*1 CORINTHIANS 1:10*

**Day 8 - [Date] - THANKFULNESS**

Lord, today we are thankful for you allowing us to have events like camp, and we are thankful for how you will use this event.

[Spend time praying in a spirit of thankfulness]

*JAMES 1:17*

**Day 9 [Date] - ANTICIPATION**

Lord, we pray today would be a day we look back to and see how you used camp to change the trajectory of our impact for your Kingdom.

[Include prayer prompts for whatever you want to see happen during camp]

*PSALM 118:24*

**Day 10 [Date] - INVITATION**

Lord, we pray today, inviting you to our plans and time away at camp. We know you love us and are for us and will be with us every step along the way. But we want to be intentional in seeking your presence and power at camp. We have done a lot to plan and prepare, but we rely on you to move in the way you desire that brings you much glory and changes students' lives for eternity.

[May include some worship songs as some personal reflection time as we wrap up our ten days of prayer]

*EXODUS 33:14, PSALM 27:8*

**Month-Long Prayer Guide**

1. Pray for protection as the speaker travels, stays in good health, has strength and endurance for the week, and for protection for their family and loved ones while away. (*John 10:10, 17:15*)
2. Pray that everything the students do will honor the Lord. (*Colossians 3:23-24*)
3. Pray for the small group leader's hearts and minds to be fully yielded to the Lord, so they speak His words with boldness and in His love. (*Acts 4:29-32*)
4. Pray that as the speaker would humble themselves, prays and seeks the Lord's face, that they would be in tune with the Lord, that they would be sensitive to His guidance, empowered by His Holy Spirit, enabled to follow the Lord in obedience to bring forth messages with boldness, power, and passion in such a way that the Lord will be glorified and lives will be saved, renewed, and transformed. (*Ephesians 6:19-20*)
5. Pray that God’s light and His love will permeate your small group leaders so that the students experience the love of the Lord and the fruit of His Spirit in such a profound way that it leaves a lasting impression; that it is sealed on their minds and in their hearts.
6. (*Gal 5:22-23, Eph 4:30*)
7. Pray that all volunteers work in harmony with one another; that they exemplify God’s love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in the midst of all the parents, students, small group leaders, and other volunteers. (*Ephesians 5:1-2*)
8. Pray for the worship leader's voices to remain strong; no technical difficulties; they reflect God's passion and energy, and their music will bring joy to the students. (*Psalm 23*)
9. Pray for the small group leaders to have ears open to listen to the students, to not shrink back from topics that may be unpopular or difficult to talk about, that they would have discernment and wisdom in all their responses. (*James 1:5*)
10. Pray that the speaker would spend time with the Lord and seek Him continually in their life. (*Matthew 6:33, 1 Chronicles 16:11, Psalm 27:8*)
11. Pray for the band as they travel, remain in good health, have strength and endurance for the week, and protection for their family and loved ones while away. (*John 10:10, 17:15*) Pray that the band's hearts are focused on the Lord, leading all to worship Him in spirit and truth. (*John 4:20-24*)
12. Pray for all the behind-the-scenes logistics for camp to run smoothly.
13. Pray that the students will invite many of their friends to camp. May they put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. (*Colossians 3:14*)
14. Pray that the small group leaders would invest in the students' lives and that they would be an example of Jesus to them in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. (*1 Tim 4:12*)
15. Praise the Lord for those serving behind the scenes, for their servant hearts, and their willingness to give of their time and talents. (*1 Peter 4:7-11*)
16. As the band leads in worship, pray that they lead the students to worship the Lord for who He is and to give thanks to Him and praise His Holy Name. (*Psalm 63:1-5*)
17. Pray that this is a time of unity among the students. (Ephesians 4:1-3)
18. Pray for the salvation of all students, that they may become a new creation in Jesus. (*John 1:12*)
19. Pray that the speaker would bring God’s Word earnestly and with Christ’s authority. (*2 Corinthians 2:17*)
20. Pray that through their living testimony, God will use these volunteers to spread the knowledge of Christ, like a fragrant aroma. (*2 Cor 2:14,15*)
21. Pray for the small group leaders that they will remain in good health, have strength and endurance for the week, and for protection for their family and loved ones while away. (*John 10:10, 17:15*)
22. Pray for the protection of students, leaders, and all those involved in recreation and/or service projects.
23. Pray that while the students are on campus, they will show respect toward the staff and be responsible; that the students will receive rest, relaxation, nourishment, times of fun and laughter, peace and acceptance, and growth in God’s Word. (*Acts 2:46-47, Acts 12:12, Titus 3:1*)
24. As the worship leader/band leads in worship, pray that all distractions be removed so that students will be prepared to hear the gospel and be challenged by the messages. (*2 Samuel 22:1-4*)
25. Pray for strength and protection of those who will be serving each night.
26. Praise the Lord for the location's willingness to open their campus to you for the week. Pray the Lord prepares that ground and blesses the location after you leave.
27. Pray that students will come alongside one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, and love one another.
28. Pray that all team members will work in harmony during load-in, setup, and load-out. Pray for the safety of the technical staff. (*Ephesians 4:1-6*)
29. Pray that the students have repentant hearts. (*Psalm 51*)
30. Pray for the students to have good health, strength, and endurance for the week. (*Hebrews 12:1*)
31. Pray for the students to seek the Lord; to develop a heart for God, His Word, and His ways; that they learn what it means to abide in Him. (*James 4:7-8)*
32. Pray for students that they would exchange their desire to be noticed and appreciated for the desire that God and God alone would shine gloriously through their beings, that their hearts’ cry become, “I must decrease, so that He might increase.” (*John 3:30*)

It will be important to be prepared for camp. But that cannot just be about details and decisions you have to make. We need to be spiritual prepared for what God is going to do in us and through us. I have often found I have to live a theme and experience it before sharing it with others. We need to have spent plenty of time in prayer before and during the event. The table is set, and we must plug into the power all week long.