



# AWAKE, O SLEEPER

LIVING IN THE LIGHT



## SUMMER 2026 PRAYER GUIDE

This summer, students across five sessions will gather to hear God's call to wake up spiritually, step into the light of Christ, and live lives fully surrendered to Him. Throughout Scripture, spiritual sleep represents drift, compromise, distraction, and apathy—but Jesus calls us into resurrection life and Spirit-filled living.

We invite churches, families, and prayer partners to cover each session in intentional daily prayer while students are at camp. Your prayers prepare hearts, strengthen leaders, and make space for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully.

**BIG IDEA:** Ephesians 5:14 says "Awake, O Sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Throughout scripture, spiritual sleep is a picture of drift, compromise, and even apathy – a slow dulling of the heart toward God. It's possible to go to church, sing the songs, and still slowly drift into spiritual sleep. Distraction, compromise, busyness, and hidden sin can quietly numb your heart without you even realizing it. The call of Ephesians 5:14 is personal: "Awake, O sleeper." This year's theme is a wake-up call for you to recognize where you've grown spiritually dull, to experience the resurrecting grace of Jesus, to step into the light with honesty and courage, and to live fully alive in a way that actually shines. God is not inviting you to play it safe or settle for surface-level faith; He is calling you to wake up, rise up, and live boldly for Him.

**PRAYER VISION:** That students who are spiritually asleep would awaken to salvation, repentance, and Spirit-filled living—and leave camp shining the light of Christ in their homes, schools, and communities.

### Pray for Spiritual Awakening

*That students would recognize areas of distraction, compromise, apathy, or drift in their lives and respond to God's invitation to wake up spiritually.*

**Pray** that students who have been going through the motions of faith would experience renewed hunger for God.

**Pray** that students who do not yet know Jesus would hear His voice calling them into new life.

#### **Scripture to Pray:**

"Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Ephesians 5:14

"Return to me, and I will return to you." Zechariah 1:3

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

### Pray for Salvation and Resurrection Life in Christ

*That students who are spiritually dead apart from Christ would be made alive through the Gospel.*

**Pray** for repentance, surrender, healing, and freedom from sin and shame.

**Pray** that students clearly understand grace—that salvation is not something they achieve but something they receive.

#### **Scripture to Pray:**

"But because of his great love for us... God made us alive with Christ." Ephesians 2:4–5

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." 2 Corinthians 5:17

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

## Pray for Students to Walk in the Light

*That students would step into lives marked by honesty, confession, obedience, and freedom.*

**Pray** that hidden sin would lose its power as students respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

**Pray** that students would begin new spiritual rhythms that continue long after camp ends.

### **Scripture to Pray:**

*"For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!" Ephesians 5:8*

*"If we walk in the light... the blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin." 1 John 1:7*

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God." Psalm 51:10*

## Pray for Students to Stay Spiritually Awake

*That students would not return home unchanged, but instead continue pursuing Jesus daily.*

**Pray** that students would build lives rooted in prayer, Scripture, worship, and Christian community.

**Pray** for protection from distraction, temptation, and spiritual drift after camp.

### **Scripture to Pray:**

*"Keep watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." Matthew 26:41*

*"Be alert and of sober mind." 1 Peter 5:8*

*"Devote yourselves to prayer." Colossians 4:2*

## Pray for Students to Shine for Christ

*That students would live boldly for Jesus in their homes, schools, teams, and churches.*

**Pray** that students would influence their friends and communities with the light of Christ.

**Pray** that this summer would launch a generation of disciple-makers.

### **Scripture to Pray:**

*"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14*

*"Let your light shine before others." Matthew 5:16*

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19*

## Pray for Leaders, Counselors, and Speakers

*That those serving would minister with humility, clarity, wisdom, and dependence on the Holy Spirit.*

**Pray** for unity across staff teams and strong small-group discipleship conversations.

**Pray** that every message communicated would clearly point students to Jesus.

### **Scripture to Pray:**

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1*

*"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit." Zechariah 4:6*

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Colossians 3:16*

## Pray for Student Pastors and Adult Leaders

*That student pastors and adult leaders attending with their groups would be spiritually refreshed, encouraged, and strengthened as they invest in students throughout the week.*

**Pray** that God would give them wisdom, discernment, and meaningful conversations with students during small groups, prayer times, and late-night moments that often become turning points in a student's faith journey.

**Pray** that they would clearly recognize what God is doing in the lives of their students and feel equipped to continue discipling them when they return home.

**Pray** that this summer would not only awaken students—but also renew and encourage the leaders faithfully shepherding them year-round.

### **Scripture to Pray:**

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

*"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31*



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# Summer 2026 Daily Prayer Guide

Use these short daily focuses to intentionally pray over students and leaders while they are at camp. Each day builds on the foundation of awakening to Christ!



## Day One (Arrival Day) - The Wake Up Call

**Awareness • Conviction • Openness to God**

**Prayer Focus:** Pray that students would recognize areas of spiritual drift, distraction, compromise, or apathy. Ask the Holy Spirit to awaken hearts and remove distractions so students clearly hear the voice of Jesus.

**Scripture to Pray:** "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Ephesians 5:14

## Day Two - From Dead to Alive

**Salvation • Repentance • Freedom**

**Prayer Focus:** Pray that students who do not yet know Jesus would respond to the Gospel. Ask God to bring conviction, repentance, healing, and freedom through His grace.

**Scripture to Pray:** "But because of His great love for us... God made us alive with Christ." Ephesians 2:4-5

## Day Three - Walk in the Light

**Confession • Identity • Holiness**

**Prayer Focus:** Pray that students would step into lives marked by honesty, repentance, and obedience. Ask God to establish new spiritual rhythms that last beyond camp.

**Scripture to Pray:** "If we walk in the light... the blood of Jesus purifies us from all sin." 1 John 1:7

## Day Four (Departure Day) - Stay Awake and Shine

**Mission • Perseverance • Bold Faith**

**Prayer Focus:** Pray students would leave camp committed to staying spiritually awake and living on mission for Jesus in their everyday lives.

**Scripture to Pray:** "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14

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and Christ will give you light."*

*Ephesians 5:14*

