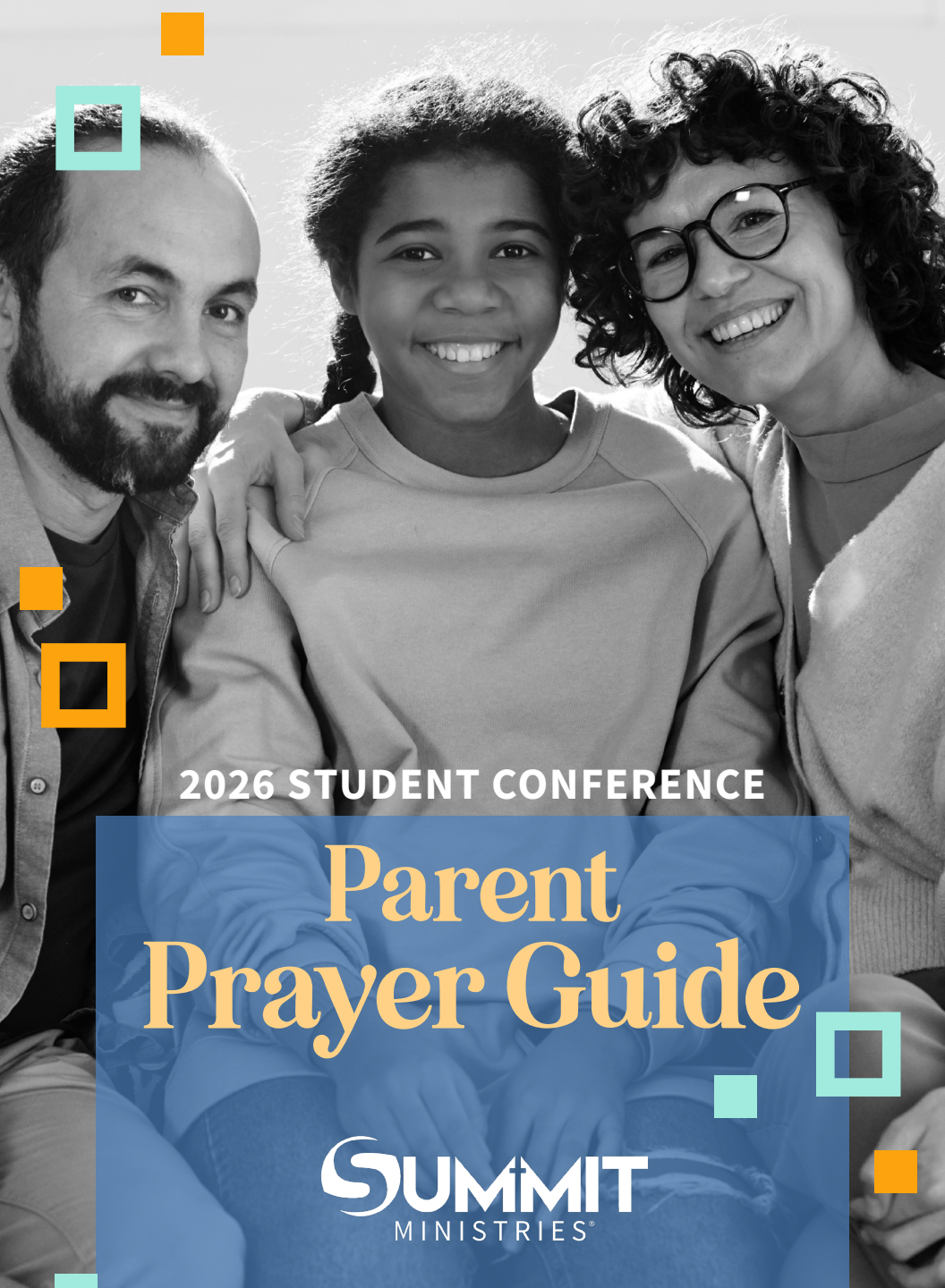




2026 STUDENT CONFERENCE

# Parent Prayer Guide

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## Join us as we pray daily for students, staff, and faculty.

“I thank my God every time I remember you.

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

—PHILIPPIANS 1:3–6

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

—PHILIPPIANS 4:6–7

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## Day 1: Arrival

### Spiritual Protection for These Sacred Times

*“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places”*  
Ephesians 6:12.

We acknowledge the spiritual battle that surrounds our teams and students as we begin this conference session. It is a battle fought in the hearts and minds of each individual here, and we seek God’s divine intervention.

**Prayer:** *God, we ask for your protection and guidance during these weeks. Shield each student, staffer, and faculty member from distractions and disruptions that hinder your work. Give strength to the weary, clarity to the bewildered, protection for the weak, and light to the those mired in darkness. Let your truth prevail, capturing every thought and aligning it with your purpose. We acknowledge your presence and power. May your truth be evident amongst the enemy’s attempts to steal, kill, and destroy. May your light illuminate the darkness, bringing glory to your name.*

## Day 2: Meal Times

### Feasting Together in Communion

Jesus shared meals with his disciples and turned them into teaching opportunities. At Summit Ministries, we serve healthy, generous meals as a way of saying “We love you and we want to get to know you.” It’s a sacred act because God is the one setting the table for life-changing conversations.

Throughout this session, students will partake in 32 meals together, making new friends and growing together. Each meal is a feast that stands as an act of resistance against the enemy’s attempts to ravish our minds, bodies, and souls.

We pray that these meal times become moments of deep communion with God and fellow believers. We pray for meaningful conversations. We pray for hearts to be encouraged and joined together in love. May the table become a sanctuary where we nourish our minds as we nourish our bodies.

**Prayer:** *Our prayer is that you, God, would meet students in these shared meals. May these times reflect the stark contrast between their busy lives and the life of awareness you invite them into. Settle their hearts to hear your voice, grant them the courage to love without conditions, and be attentive to what you see, what you hear, and where you are directing their attention. May each meal be a memorable feast of fun and growth.*

## Day 3: Summit Faculty

### Courageously Sharing God's Truth

At Summit, we are blessed with world-class faculty who are dedicated to communicating the truths of the Bible and helping students form a solid biblical worldview. As students encounter new concepts that can deeply influence their lives and moral compass, we trust our faculty to guide them with intellectual rigor and grace, reflecting the love of Christ in all they do.

Our charge to our faculty is not only to present the case for truth but also to engage with students beyond the classroom. Our prayer is that our faculty would represent you, God, and shine as a light in the darkness through their words and actions. We pray that students' hearts will be open to the truth.

**Prayer:** *God, we ask you to guide Summit's faculty as they share your truth in a way that reflects your true nature and character. You knit each student together. You know their hearts. Help our students see what you want them to see and hear what you want them to hear. Awaken within them a heart of curiosity that draws them closer to you.*

## Day 4: No Distractions

### Finding Freedom from Distraction

Technology defines a generation. This generation's engagement with technology has left them distracted and jaded. The more they think they're connecting technologically, the more isolated they may become. We pray that at Summit Ministries, students will feel compelled to set aside their devices and connect personally with the faculty, staff, their small groups, and their roommates.

Today, we lift up a prayer for students to be able to engage deeply, build trust, and nurture genuine relationships, both with their minds as well as with their hearts.

**Prayer:** *God, may these students find rest in their identity as your children. May overdependence on technology melt away, replaced by joy in your presence and fulfilling relationships with the people who are around them. We ask for freedom from distraction and the forging of strong bonds among students and staff, whether through activities like volleyball, small groups, shared meals, or hikes. May they experience a renewed passion for the broken world around them.*

## Day 5: Small Groups

### Finding Deep Connection

Small groups play a vital role in nurturing relationships with every student. Within these groups, students often share their greatest hopes and joys, as well as their deepest fears and disappointments. Scheduled at the end of the day, small group sessions create a space for bonding and for God to work through community, reflection, and testimonies of his miracles in their lives.

Students come from a variety of backgrounds, and we pray that each student will find their small group to be a safe place to grow in Christ.

**Prayer:** *God, we ask for meaningful connections and intentionality within small groups. Grant students the courage to address their doubts and seek answers that draw them closer to you. Let transformation take place in this sacred space. May each participant value these gatherings, listening and receiving blessings while being a blessing to others.*

## Day 6: Connection with Small Group Leaders

### Being Fully Known

In addition to fostering connections during small groups, group leaders have the opportunity to engage with their students one-on-one. Leaders offer their presence, a listening ear, and words of encouragement unique to each student's journey. It is possible that these relationships are some of the most authentic that students have experienced in quite some time, conveying that they are valued and deserving of care, time, and genuine pursuit.

**Prayer:** *May these one-on-one interactions be times of deep connection, where students are encouraged to open up, and where group leaders listen attentively and speak with wisdom. Grant Summit's staff the insight and compassion to uplift and support their students effectively. Let these encounters be moments where students feel unconditionally loved and directed towards you, God. Soften their hearts to your voice, and provide opportunities for staff to pray with students, offering guidance and grace beyond their own understanding. May the leaders reflect your love and everlasting compassion in each moment.*

## Day 7: Big Questions

### Processing with Vulnerability & Grace

As we finish our first week, students have already learned and processed a lot of information, but that doesn't mean they are expected to have all of the answers. At Summit, we are not afraid of questions. We also understand that some of the biggest questions come from students seeking answers regarding sexuality. These inquiries demand responses infused with grace, wisdom, and unwavering truth. Our aim in these delicate conversations is to guide students towards recognizing their identity solely in Christ.

Sexuality, viewed through the lens of God's perspective, is a precious gift. Our desire is that our students grasp this truth while also experiencing the profound depth of God's heart concerning the topic of sexuality.

**Prayer:** *God, as students engage in conversations, may your presence be palpable. Grant wisdom to those facilitating discussions on your divine design for biblical sexuality, and may students encounter your boundless compassion, love, and healing in this area. Whether students are grappling with questions of identity or battling addiction, we pray that you would draw close to them. You are the healer of broken hearts, the redeemer of minds, the compassion to the hurting, and the redeemer of relationships. May these conversations surrounding sexuality lead to a profound sense of freedom found only in you. Amen.*

## Day 8: A Day Off

### Refreshment and Rest

Today marks a refreshing break following a rewarding week for our students. Some eagerly embark on exciting activities, while others opt for much-needed rest on campus. It's a wonderful opportunity for reflection and playful rejuvenation. Students will typically have just one evening session after having most of the day "off."

We recognize that as the week turns, a gentle vulnerability settles in, with students reflecting on their barriers keeping them from living in newfound freedom in Christ. Let's join in prayer, asking for moments of deep reflection on the divine work unfolding within our students.

**Prayer:** *God, may your grace and joy overflow in the hearts of these students as they engage in today's activities. Grant them clarity to reflect on how you have worked in and through them this past week, and empower them—through community and the experience of your divine power—to navigate any obstacles they may face in the days ahead. Give them safety in their activities. For those wrestling with homesickness, we pray for a sense of peace and anticipation of the coming week. And may those in need find solace in opening up to their small group leaders, finding strength and support in community.*

# Day 9: Energy & Encouragement

## Ready for Week Two

As we begin our second week, pray for energy and encouragement to keep engaging deeply.

We've assembled a dedicated team of staff advisors and faculty in residence with the aim of fostering authentic connections throughout the session while exemplifying the principles taught by our faculty. These relationships not only enhance the credibility of our speakers' messages but also underscore the importance of both truth and relationship. With their wealth of experience, this team's intention is to guide and support students at every stage of their spiritual journey.

**Prayer:** *God, we pray for abundant encouragement for both our students and small group leaders. Grant our advisors and faculty the energy and insight to engage deeply as they invest significant time journeying alongside students and staff. Lead our students to seek and cultivate meaningful relationships with the faculty in residence, fostering connections that inspire deeper conversations and a stronger bond with you. May our advisors serve as wellsprings of wisdom and encouragement for the staff who accompany students on their journey.*

## Day 10: Knowing God

### Hungering and Thirsting for Jesus

Truth and relationship form the cornerstone of everything we do at Summit. Everything we do is intentionally designed to guide students towards Christ, whether through lectures, small groups, shared meals, engaging activities, Q & A sessions, one-on-one mentoring, and providential encounters. We know that truth without relationship may foster arrogance, while relationship without truth may breed apathy. Therefore, we emphasize not just the intellectual capacity to wrestle with ideas but a journey to know God more fully.

**Prayer:** *God, open students' hearts to understand your goodness. May each student recognize their identity as your cherished child, submit to you in obedience, bask in your love, stand assured of their purposeful design, and be transformed through the renewing of their minds. May they hunger and thirst for you. Teach them to hear your voice and to respond with joy.*

# Day 11: Transformation

## Removing the Barriers

Over the past week and a half, our prayers have consistently focused on asking God to remove the barriers hindering students from fully embracing a life devoted to him. Tonight, students will have the opportunity to reflect on these barriers, consider the transformative work God has been doing in their lives, pray with their leaders, and experience healing.

Transformation often begins with a moment of surrender. Tonight, students will have the opportunity to surrender their lives to God—whether through salvation, committing to a life change, or asking him to break down the barriers that keep them from living fully for Jesus.

**Prayer:** *God, guide these students as they identify and confront the barriers in their lives. Lead them to breakthroughs tonight, and may they earnestly surrender to you in whatever way you are working. We trust in your healing power and ask that you help these students turn in a new direction—one that leads them closer to You. May today mark the beginning of a lifelong transformation.*

## Day 12: Finishing Well

### Bringing Home a New Perspective

What God has done in the lives of these students at Summit was never meant to stay here. The challenge as they conclude their two weeks here is to depart transformed, ready to put into practice what they learned, with a strong desire to stand for truth and bring healing to a broken world.

In tonight's graduation, we will charge students to remember their identity as a child of God, seek truth, and recall his faithfulness in life's deserts. You can join us this evening for the live stream at [Summit.org/graduation](https://Summit.org/graduation)

**Prayer:** *God, solidify the wisdom each student has gained, foster lasting relationships, and ignite a fervor to pursue truth and share your grace. May these students become agents of transformation in a broken world, beacons of truth amidst confusion, and torchbearers of light in darkness. Help them perceive Summit Ministries as a launching pad for their faith journey, propelling them toward a deeper relationship with you and a clearer understanding of your purpose for their lives.*

*As students head home, we also pray that you would meet our staff members with profound rejuvenation, enabling them to bring you the burdens they've carried on behalf of our students. Grant them the rest they so desperately need. Shield them from burnout, and burnout and draw them into deeper dependence on you.*

## Summit's prayer for you and your family:

*God, thank you for every family, every parent, every grandparent, and every student represented in our Summit family. As students transition home, we pray for life-giving and enriching conversations to unfold about all they have learned. We pray for rest, and that you would cover each home with your peace. Burn in every heart a desire to both know you and make you known to this darkened world. Let truth lead the way as students step into the season ahead. Thank you for the honor of pouring into the rising generation. Amen.*

