

this is our prayer







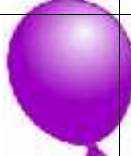
2020 Summer Camp Theme – *This is Our Prayer*

This is Our Prayer is about the longing of our hearts to connect with God. Each day campers will explore issues and concerns we all face. As Christians, we look to scripture and biblical characters to see how we might deal with these issues. One consistent tool that helps in dealing with these problems is prayer.

People pray in different ways, and it leads to a more fulfilled life and a deeper understanding of God. In times of struggle and sadness, we find ourselves seeking guidance, comfort, hope and healing through prayer.

For some, prayer is simply speaking thoughts and feelings to God. For some, it's clearing our minds and settling our hearts to make space for God. Some pray through music, art, or movement such as in dance or exercise. Many pray out loud, while other's prayers are whispers of the soul. Sometimes the task we work at, even when it doesn't seem to make a difference, is a physical prayer of hope. And the relationships we build with others, are prayers of love.

It doesn't matter if we fold our hands and bow and heads or raise them up and look to heaven. God is longing to connect with us, and listen to all the longings of our heart. While at Camp this summer, campers will explore scripture and discover the gift of prayer and how to use it throughout their lives.

Day	Scripture & Image	Daily Theme	Focus
1	Luke 6: 12-16 	Longing to be Invited	Called: God Acting in You Campers are welcomed and invited to find their own sacred space.
2	 Esther 4	Longing to be Together	God Acting through Community Campers will discover they are part of a community even when they feel isolated. They will learn that strength emerges from a community in prayer.
3	Jonah 4 	Longing to be Heard	Open Feelings in the Mess Campers will acknowledge that emotions like anger, and grief are normal, and that prayer connects us with God even during the difficult times.
4	1 Kings 3: 7-15 	Longing for Guidance	Seeking Guidance Campers will identify times in their lives when they need guidance, and learn to listen for the ways God speaks to us through prayer.
5	Luke 5:12-16 Isaiah 40: 1-5; 28-31 	Longing for Renewal	Peace in Chaos/Sabbath Campers will reflect on weariness and the importance of taking a break and sitting quietly in God presence.
6	Number 27: 1-11 	Longing for Change	Working for Change/Justice Campers will reflect on the impact of injustice in people's lives and learn how prayer and action can change our world.
7	Philippians 1:3-11 	Longing to Celebrate	Sharing our Joy Campers will celebrate the experiences and relationships built at Camp and learn the importance of giving thanks in all circumstances.