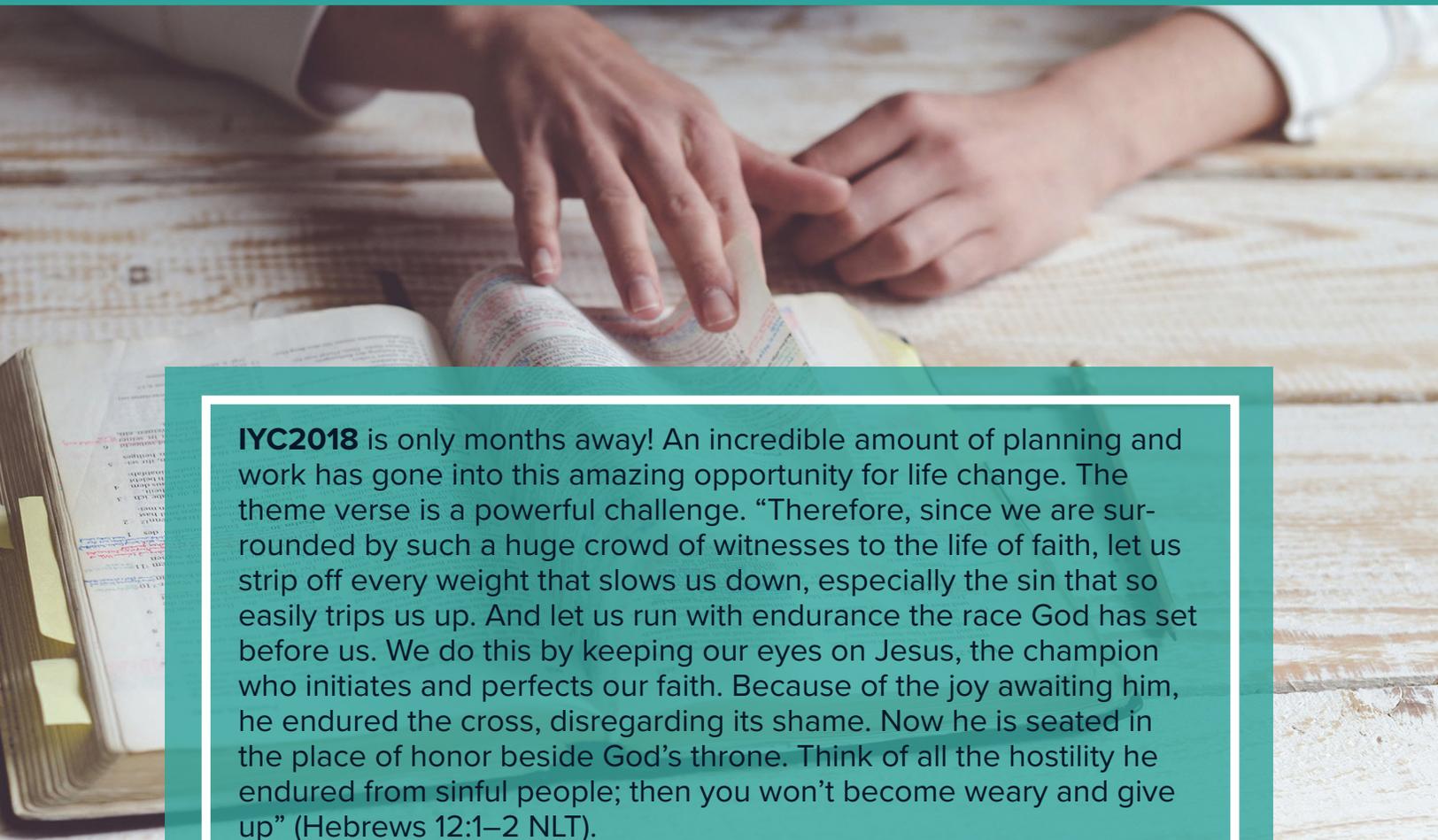


IYC2018 PRAYER GUIDE



IYC2018 is only months away! An incredible amount of planning and work has gone into this amazing opportunity for life change. The theme verse is a powerful challenge. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won’t become weary and give up” (Hebrews 12:1–2 NLT).

These powerful words challenge us to stay on track with our faith, purity, joy, and focus. A key point of preparation for IYC will be our work of intercession. The IYC2018 Prayer Guide is a way to connect with thousands of others on a week-by-week prayer focus.

Life change will indeed happen as we encounter God’s presence during the whole of the IYC experience.

For more information, visit our website at IYC2018.org.



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MARCH: ON TRACK WITH FAITH

MARCH 4–10

Pray for a renewed deep-rooted abandonment in your faith with Jesus. Consider some time and form for **fasting** as a part of this renewal.

MARCH 11–17

Pray that God would expand your faith to believe that greater things will happen in and through you. “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7 NLT).

MARCH 18–24

Pray that hundreds of IYC participants will reach out for a deeper faith in Jesus. Pray for a positive response from those whom God is calling into full-time ministry and missions, and that they would experience life-change.

MARCH 25–31

Pray by name for each person in your youth group who is going to IYC that their faith journey will be greatly enriched during the IYC experience.



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APRIL: ON TRACK WITH PURITY

APRIL 1–7

Invite Jesus into every moment of temptation. We may be up against more than we realize. “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places”
(Ephesians 6:12 NLT).

APRIL 8–14

Set aside time and ask God for his review of your life and ask forgiveness for anything that he brings to mind that does not bring him pleasure. “Carefully determine what pleases the Lord”
(Ephesians 5:10 NLT).

APRIL 15–21

Pray for the strength to make the tough decisions to move into a life of greater purity. This could be a change of attitudes, patterns, thinking, and even close relationships.

APRIL 22–28

Pray that your whole person would be aligned to the intent and plans of God. Pray that your life is consistent with your statements of faith. Let God’s light shine in all dark corners.



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MAY: ON TRACK WITH JOY

APRIL 29– MAY 5

Ask God what life changes would bring joy to him. And then begin to immediately make those adjustments.

MAY 6–12

Ask God for a new-found joy in connecting with Jesus in the Bible. Consider Luke 10:39 (NLT): “Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught.”

MAY 13–19

Commit to doing one act per week for someone that will bring joy to him/her. Pray for alertness and understanding to what that is. “...show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart” (1 Peter 1:22 NLT).

MAY 20–26

Would you ask God to bring joy to someone’s life around the world by participating in the **Spread the Word** offering? And may you experience joy because “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Act 20:35 NLT).

MAY 27–JUNE 2

Pray that you will experience a deep-seated joy in the person of Jesus. “Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart’s desires” (Psalm 37:4 NLT).



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JUNE: ON TRACK WITH FOCUS

JUNE 3–9

Pray for each of the speakers (Danielle Strickland, Samuel Rodriguez, Nicholas Vujcic, Jim Lyon, and Tim Ross) that they will be on track with what God wants to say through them. Pray for David Crowder, the IYC Band, and special guests Jeff Whye and John Michael Hinton.

JUNE 10–16

Pray that you will stay faithful to Jesus throughout the course of your whole life. Ask God to help you be alert to ways that could take you off track from the path God has planned for you.

JUNE 17–23

Pray for IYC leadership teams: IYC Director (Andy Stephenson), IYC Project Coordinator (Tami Byrd), IYC Interns (Sierra Ratzlaff, Austin Shaner, Connor Sorrell), Youth Ministry Team (Josh Boldman, R.W. Moody, Adam Rentas), the Student Leadership Team (Justin Chapman, Kaleb Ferry, Tyrell Franklin, Cristian Hardin, Hannah Harwick, Heather Marchese, Josh Nutter, Beth Patton, Timothy Shaner, River Shindlecker), SLT Leaders (Candace Stephenson, Trevor and Kaitlyn Maggart, Hannah Johnson, and Blaine Reed), and dozens of other staff and volunteers.

JUNE 24–30

Pray that you will stay on track after the convention. So much has been poured into you. Make the most of all the opportunities that God will now bring to you. “When you decide on a course of action that is in line with [his] will, nothing in heaven or on earth can stop you.” —Sarah Young, *Jesus Calling*



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