

## LITANY FOR YOUTH WORKERS:

For the new youth volunteer, director or leader; excited but hesitant. Give them the knowledge and wisdom needed to step into this new role, and the guidance needed to walk humbly with youth.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the youth staff of the Kingdom, passionate but tired. Provide them with the creativity and energy needed to fully live into this unique calling; and the renewal and discernment necessary to hold volunteers, and to journey alongside youth, with abounding grace.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the veteran youth volunteer, experienced and weary. Provide them with the hope needed to continue in their role; and the assurance that they are making a difference in the lives of youth, and in the Kingdom of God.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the youth of this nation, worried and lonely. Let them know that they are beloved children of God, created in the image of God – with whom God desires relationship. Provide them with the community support needed to thrive in this world.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all of our congregations, dying or growing, contemporary or traditional, big or small, with paid youth staff or without. Let us be a space where all youth may be at home. That no matter what they look like, who they are, or where they come from, our congregations will be a place of unconditional love and support; a place where they may come to know Jesus and his unwavering and eternally gracious love.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Leader: And let us all pray together:

**For all of us called who serve youth as they journey through the pain and joy of adolescence. Teach us your ways, O Lord. Teach us how to love, how to teach, how to lead, how to be the light of God's love in this often dark and chaotic world. Help us to remember this work matters, and that you have called us to it.**

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**AMEN**