

***Today, all of Graham Street will be talking about prayer. We pray this will be a beneficial tool for you and your children today. There are also some links on the Graham Street Facebook page for children's songs on YouTube if you want to listen (and sing along, of course!). These will also be emailed out.***

Prayer is how we talk to God. It may not be like calling, texting or FaceTime with God, but prayer is very real and our way to communicate with God.

We want to have a strong friendship and relationship with God, so we must talk to Him often. We talk to and spend time with our friends and family, that's why we know them so well. We must do the same with God.

Prayer allows us the opportunity to share anything and everything with God.

**Ask your children:**

What is prayer?

Why should we pray?

What do you pray for?

**Read Jeremiah 29:13**

*This is what the Lord says, "You will search for me. And when you search for me with all your heart, you will find me!"*

**Prayer Requests**

*(have everyone in your family share)*

Who/what do you want to pray for?

**Challenge for the Week:**

Make it "essential" to pray each night with your child/children. You can either say the prayer below or you can say your own.

*\*\*If you are willing, video your child saying their bedtime prayers or saying/reading the prayer below. Or take a picture of your child praying.*

*Email your videos/pictures to [grahamstreetyouth@gmail.com](mailto:grahamstreetyouth@gmail.com) for a compilation that will be shared with Graham Street.*

## Pray Together

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the love and care*

*You give to me each day.*

*It gives you joy and makes you smile*

*When you hear me pray.*

*If things get scary all around*

*In this world you made,*

*Because of you, I will feel safe.*

*I will not be afraid.*

*Thank you for my family,*

*Thank you for my friends.*

*Thank you for each blessing*

*And your love that never ends.*

*Please help me be like Jesus*

*To serve and give and share.*

*Please help me to love others,*

*To show them that I care.*

*In everything I say and do,*

*I want to do what's right.*

*Please give me courage to make me brave*

*To shine your light so bright.*

*In the name of Jesus, Amen.*