

tips for youth workers

February 2021

SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH THROUGH PRAYER

The Salvation Army values its ministry to children and youth and has set Sunday March 28 as it's **International Day of Prayer for Children and Youth**. You're invited to support the children and youth in your corps/church and community through prayer.

On the International Salvation Army website, we read: "The theme for 2021 is Seen and Heard. The Bible shows us many stories about children, playing an important role in Gods story. Think about Samuel, David and Mary. Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Children are important to God, and therefore important to us.

"We believe children are the leaders, disciples and decision makers of today. We believe children have unique skills and expertise that our church and the world need now. We believe children hear from and are used by God every day. We believe that children are full, active members of the Body of Christ, and they are no less important or vital than any other part."



We invite you to join our territory on March 28 as we pray for:

Children and Youth in our Corps:

- that they would experience relationship with Jesus
- that they would be witnesses to their friends and family
- that during these days of isolation that they would be aware of the support of their church family
- that during these days of online and distance learning that they would be engaged and successful in their studies
- that during these days of social distancing they would find creative ways to reach out and make connections to friends and neighbours

Children and Youth in our Communities:

- pray for children and youth that receive support through toys at Christmas
- pray for children and youth of families that receive support through our Community and Family Services
- pray for children and youth who are struggling with mental health issues and that God would provide opportunities for you to reach out to them
- pray that children, youth and their families would see The Salvation Army as a safe space

Visit <u>CANBDAyouth.com</u> to learn more about 2021's International Day of Prayer for Children and Youth, how it can be used and how to access the prepared resources.