

Father, we pray for the young disciples in our church. We know that they live in a world filled with dark and destructive forces, surrounded by evil that seeks to desecrate their innocence, demolish their dreams and destroy their futures. But we also know that the Holy Spirit, who lives in us, is greater than the evil one of this world. (1 John 4:4)

Jesus said that temptations, tests, troubles, and trials will come against us in this world, but to be cheerful, knowing that He has overcome this world's darkness, and given us the victory. Father, we confidently declare that when our young people yield to you, and resist the tempter, he will flee from them. And the temptation itself will fall empty and ineffective at their feet.

When Jesus was tempted, He used your Word, the sword of the Spirit, to overcome the temptation, and defeat the devil. Your Word is alive, active, energizing, effective, and powerful, and "sharper than any two-edged sword." Your Word gives us victory over every temptation.

Holy Spirit, teach our young people to effectively use the Word to defeat temptation. God, may they hide that powerful Word in their hearts so they don't sin against you. May they not be squeezed by this world into its mold of conformity, but may they be radically transformed, undergoing a spiritual metamorphosis, as they renew their minds to your Word. May they stand upon the sure and strong foundation of your Word, as they uncompromisingly live the God-life in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

We say, "Rise up, Holy Spirit, within this new generation of believers. Rise up in resurrection strength, and awesome power, as they speak the Word of God. Scatter their enemies before them as smoke is driven by the wind, as candle wax melts before the fire."

If they do sin, remind them to run to you, O God, not from you. Remind them of this powerful truth: "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us

our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) Father, forgive them, restore them, and renew them, we pray.

In Jesus' name, Amen!