

RAINFOREST FALLS

Praying for VBS

Dear Church Family,

As our St. Michael's family prepares to embark on our Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School, we invite you into a season of intentional prayer. From June 1st to June 14th, we ask you to use this guide daily to anchor our community. Together, we will lift up the more than 100 children pouring into our campus and the over 40 volunteers dedicating their hearts and time to their formation. Our deepest prayer is that through this vibrant ministry, every young soul and adult leader will experience the overflowing, life-giving love of God revealed in Jesus.

Week 1: Preparing the Rainforest (June 1 - 7)

Monday, June 1

Theme: The Canopy of Preparation (Praying for Volunteers)

Lord Jesus, as the canopy shelters the rainforest, shelter our over 40 volunteers. Give them hearts full of grace and minds ready to serve. Help them surrender and rest in Your love, that they may pour out Your very presence to every child they encounter. Amen.

Tuesday, June 2

Theme: Seeds of Expectation (Praying for the Children)

Gracious God, we lift up the over 100 children who will walk through our doors. Prepare the soil of their hearts. May they come with excitement and leave with a profound understanding that they are cherished and deeply loved by Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday, June 3

Theme: Deep Roots (Praying for Families)

Loving One, we pray for the families represented by every child attending. May the message of Jesus' love stretch beyond our church walls, taking deep root in their homes. Bring peace, connection, and spiritual renewal to these households. Amen.

Thursday, June 4

Theme: The Vibrant Jungle (Praying for the Environment)

Creator Spirit, as our classrooms, halls, and gathering spaces are transformed into Rainforest Falls, let this space be a vibrant, safe haven. May every decoration and activity point to the beauty of Your creation and the depth of Your redeeming grace. Amen.

Friday, June 5

Theme: Clearing the Path (Praying for Leadership)

Lord, guide our VBS director and leaders. When challenges arise, clear the path with Your wisdom. May they feel seen, known and loved by You. Give them peace that surpasses understanding, knowing that this ministry is held safely in Your capable hands. Amen.

Saturday, June 6

Theme: Echoes of Grace (Praying for the Storytellers)

Jesus, You are the greatest storyteller. Bless those who will teach the Bible lessons. Give them clarity, enthusiasm, and an anointing of the Holy Spirit so that the story of Your Love echoes in young hearts forever. Amen.

Sunday, June 7

Theme: The Gathering Storm of Blessing (Dedication Sunday)

Almighty God, today we stand together as a congregation to dedicate this upcoming week to You. Let Your Holy Spirit fall like a refreshing rain on our church. Unify us in mission and ground us in the love of Christ. Amen.

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Week 2: Experiencing the Waterfall (June 8 - 14)

Monday, June 8

Theme: God is With Us (Entering the Jungle)

Emmanuel, God with us, as VBS begins today, may every child feel Your presence. For the shy child, be their comfort; for the energetic child, be their joy – and everyone in between. May our 40+ volunteers be tangible expressions of Your nearness today, as they experience Your closeness as well. Amen.

Tuesday, June 9

Theme: God Provides (The River of Life)

Provider God, just as the river sustains the rainforest, Your grace sustains us. Help the children learn today that You provide for all their needs, most wonderfully through the gift of Jesus. Bless the snacks, the crafts, and every moment of fellowship. Amen.

Wednesday, June 10

Theme: God Saves (The Ultimate Rescue)

Savior Jesus, today the children hear the gospel—the story of Your great rescue. Open their spiritual eyes. Let them experience the compassionate, forgiving love You poured out on the cross. May many little hearts say "yes" to Your love today. Amen.

Thursday, June 11

Theme: God Heals (Restoring the Forest)

Divine Healer, we know some children carry unseen hurts from their young lives. Pour Your healing love over them like a gentle waterfall. Use our volunteers to speak words of affirmation, kindness, and healing into every child's spirit. Amen.

Friday, June 12

Theme: God Sends (Light to the World)

Lord of the Harvest, as the main VBS week wraps up, empower these 100+ children, those who have served, and all of us to be ambassadors of Your love. Send each of them and us into our schools, neighborhoods, workplaces, and homes carrying the light of Jesus we have experienced this week. Amen.

Saturday, June 13

Theme: Lasting Growth (Watering the Seeds)

Faithful God, the bustling noise of VBS has quieted, but Your Spirit is still at work. We pray for the seeds planted in these young hearts. Water them with Your love, that they may grow into lifelong faith and discipleship. Amen.

Sunday, June 14

Theme: The Overflow (Celebration Sunday)

God of Abundance, today we celebrate the overflow of Your goodness! Thank You for those who gave selflessly through serving and the children who filled our church with joy. Let the love of Jesus we witnessed at Rainforest Falls continue to transform our entire church family and surrounding community. Amen.

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." – Deuteronomy 32:2