

What is the International Day of Prayer?

It is a day designated to pray specifically for Awana® Clubs International, its leadership, the missionaries, the local churches, and families who participate.

Why was February 15th the date selected?

February 15th was selected because its numerical form is 2.15. The name AWANA was originally an acronym which stood for "Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed". This comes directly from 2 Timothy 2:15. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (KJV)

Using 2.15 as the date brings us back to the foundation upon which Awana® was built.

Why is a Day of Prayer needed?

Ministries and people who seek to reach children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ are often attacked by the enemy (Satan). Prayer is important to help strengthen all involved with Awana.

Where is this event being held?

There is not a gathering scheduled this year as we establish the Annual Day of Prayer.

You may participate and pray in your home, or gather with a group and pray. There will be a Facebook Live event at 7pm EST on February 15th at <https://www.facebook.com/CommanderBill.net/>

Pray that our light might shine

Philippians 2:15 (NKJV) "that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world"

*Matthew 5:14, 16 (NKJV)
"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Pray that our lives might be found blameless. That when people see us, they see that we are different, that we are Children of God, that His Light shines through us. May His Light be so strong that they are drawn to Jesus by what they see in us. Pray that God will continue to use Awana to reach children and youth to be resilient disciples as they come to know, love, and serve Him.

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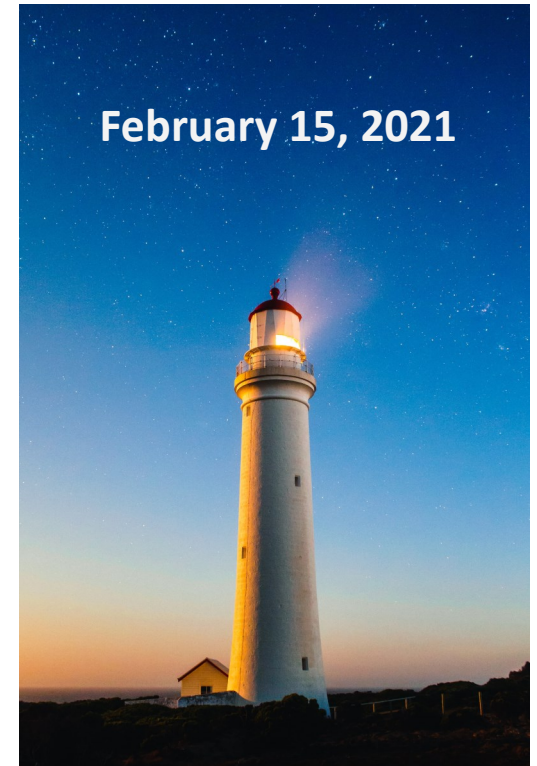


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Theme: Lighthouse

Theme Verse: Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

(KJV)

Pray for Executive Leadership & Board

Lord, we ask that you guide these people that you have placed in leadership of Awana. That they would have the wisdom required to lead this ministry to develop discipleship tools so that we can prepare these children to be resilient disciples for You. May they be good stewards of the resources that you provide to reach children across the globe for You.

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Pray for Awana Support Staff

There are many people serving as support staff at Awana. Customer care personnel, graphic designers, proof-readers, and so may more that help keep Awana running day to day to provide us with the resources and training we need.

Lord, we thank you for each of these servants who seek to reach children and youth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Encourage them on the days that are difficult, may they show your love to all they interact with on a daily basis.

Pray for U.S. Missionaries

Romans 10:15 (NKJV)

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Awana missionaries share the good news of Jesus with churches, and individuals. They are faith supported.

Father, we come to you asking that you supply the needs of these faithful men and women. May you strengthen them daily as they interact with many people, travelling many miles to share your good news and support churches.

Pray for Awana International

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

When Awana began in Chicago, it was to reach the youth in the local area. They never expected God to take this local ministry around the world. Awana now reaches children in well over 100 countries.

Father, we are humbled by the way you have used Awana to reach children in many areas. Thank you for opening the doors to reach millions of children around the world. Strengthen and encourage those serving in Awana internationally as they give the children, and their families hope in You.

Pray for Local Leaders

Luke 10:2 (NKJV)

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Over and over we hear of churches that do not have enough volunteers to run an Awana club, or children's ministry, effectively. That means that churches do not have people who care enough to give of their time to reach children with the Gospel. Jesus tells us to pray for more laborers. Pray for more leaders and that God would strengthen those currently serving.

Father, Your Son has told us to pray for more laborers for the harvest. We ask you to instill in the hearts of people in our midst the desire to teach the next generation, helping them be prepared to share about You today and as the future leaders of the Your church. Strengthen those who are currently serving that they may not grow weary in well doing.

Pray for Parents & Families

Parents have a desire to have their children know the tings of God; however, time goes by so fast and life is busy. Families are busy. May we walk alongside of parents to help their children come to know, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, you know that our lives are busy. Help parents manage their time. Help them to feel comfortable teaching their children about You and help the church to partner with parents to disciple their children. As you instructed us in Deuteronomy 6.

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