

Junior Prayer Book

Making a Prayer Book is a fun and meaningful project for Juniors of any age. It should be a group effort, and every Junior member is encouraged to submit an idea for her Junior Group's Prayer Book.

The contest entries will be judged prior to the Department Junior Meeting. Therefore, they are due by Monday, March 15, 2021. Please contact Jr. Activities Chairman Karen Wiles for the submission address. Prayer Books will be displayed and awards given at the Department Junior Meeting. Only one Prayer Book per Junior Group will be allowed for this contest.

Awards for 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, and participation will be given at the Department Junior Meeting as determined by the Junior Activities Chairman.

The following guidelines will apply for judging. Judges, please print the following pages to accompany the entry.

Junior Prayer Book Judging Criteria

- I. Information Pages (10 total points) Points awarded: _____
1. Title Page (5 points)
 - a. Information is double spaced and centered on the page.
 - b. Name of Junior Group and Unit Number
 - c. Name of Town
 - d. Name of Junior Chaplain or Junior preparing the Prayer Book
 - e. Current Year (2019-2020)
 2. Summary Page (5 points)
 - a. As the last page of the Prayer Book, information on this page should be double spaced and centered on the page.
 - b. Name of Junior Group and Unit Number
 - c. Number of Junior Members providing entries for the Prayer Book
 - d. Percent of Junior Participation
 - e. The Honorary Junior Chaplain or the person preparing the Prayer Book must sign her name and list her age at the end of this page.
- II. Organization (20 total points)
1. The Prayer Book should be divided into two sections, "Prayers" and "Devotional Thoughts" using a special page or divider to identify each section. Decorations or artwork on printed submissions is optional. Electronic submissions may include decorative borders.
 2. Prayers and Devotional Thoughts may be written in paragraph form or centered. The title or heading should be centered regardless of the form of the entry.
 3. Each page should include a heading or a title. Ex) "Opening Prayer" or "The Lord's Prayer"
 4. The author or source is identified if known; if unknown, the source is listed as "author unknown." The author's name should be indented and on the line immediately following the entry.
 5. Junior member participation will be noted by including a "submitted by" line for each Prayer or Devotional Thought. This should be located at the bottom of each page.
- III. Content (10 total points) Points awarded: _____
1. Prayers
 - a. The Prayer Book must contain at least six prayers. They may be written by a Junior member or chosen from another source.
 - b. At least two of the prayers should be Opening Prayers that would be used to start a meeting.
 - c. At least two of the prayers should be Meal Blessings.
 - d. At least two of the prayers should be Closing Prayers that would be used to close meetings or events.
 2. Devotional Thoughts
 - a. The Prayer Book must contain at least four Devotional Thoughts.
 - b. They may be written by a Junior member or chosen from another source such as Bible verses or inspirational writings.

IV. Appearance (10 total points)

Points awarded: _____

1. Cover (1 point)

- a. For printed submissions, a soft or hard cover notebook is used and includes clear page protectors. The cover may be decorative or be decorated with original artwork. It must be labeled "Prayer Book".
- b. For electronic submissions, the first page should be labeled "Prayer Book" and be centered both horizontally and vertically. Borders may be used.

2. Paper (1 point)

- a. For printed submissions, 8½" x 11" white, colored, or decorative paper will be accepted. All sheets must be in clear page protectors.
- b. For electronic submissions, use only a letter size document.

3. Font (1 point)

- a. Any font may be used as long as it is very easy to read.
- b. Fonts should remain consistent for each page.
- c. The Prayer Book should be typewritten using black ink.

4. Margins and Spacing (2 points)

- a. Left and right margins should be even.
- b. Top and bottom margins should be even.
- c. Spacing of each entry should be consistent and contribute to the overall neatness of the book.

5. Neatness (5 points)

- a. Printed submissions should be clean without wrinkles or tears.
- b. Artwork or page decorations, if used, should be appropriate and used in a manner that does not distract from the content of the Prayer Book.
- c. Correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation should be used throughout the Prayer Book.

Judges' Use Only:

Participant _____

Judge's Name _____

Date _____

Total Points Awarded _____/50 total points

Ranking _____

Remarks: