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Creative Means of Intercession (Power of Prayer)

Taizé is a place in France where prayer is done through repetitive music and chanting. The Taizé community was set up by Brother Roger (Roger Louis Schutz-Marsauche) after cycling to the Burgundy region of France from his home in Geneva. At university, he first felt the call to monastic life. And that is the vision behind this ecumenical community where young people from all over the world flock to. At first he prayed alone but a regular pattern of prayer with his guests soon became established. In 1949, Brother Roger set up a monastic community with Protestants and later with Catholics too. In a public letter shortly before his death, Brother Roger spoke of the need to 'love life on earth, and at the same time long for a beyond, a life that will never end'. People throughout the world mourned his tragic death on August 16 2005. He was stabbed by a woman three times in the throat during a Taizé prayer service attended by 2,500 people. Brother Alois, a 51-year-old Catholic monk, was appointed his successor.

On Saturday 6th August 2022, Jesus Youth Perth conducted a wonderful Taize night experience with a beautiful setup and wonderful music lead by our very own Fire band. Taizé Night by Jesus Youth Perth was a wonderful unreal experience where we sat down and had a moment where we could just bask in God's love. The ambience was amazing. The beautiful lights and a radiant array of colours and the whole event was stunning and had a sort of feeling to it that you would rather feel to sit there for hours on end without feeling tired. All there was, was to talk to God. It was a spiritual connection between only you and him you wouldn't have to care about anything else except for him. At least that was my experience for the Taizé Night event. Many others would have had different experience from me with some being even better.

Adriel Mariadas
Year 8 Student



SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

Trendsetters QLD - Participants Reflections

As we say in movies there is always a life changing moment in everyone's life and for me that was attending trendsetter. I was a guy with zero spirituality, I never believed in any godly experiences, and I always thought Bible was just a story. Although since I started reading Bible and learning Bible in Sunday school, I always respected Jesus, his way of life and the love he has towards his fellow beings. To be honest I came to trendsetters for a one-week holiday in a hill station. But that decision was the best thing I've ever taken I would say. For the first time in my life, I was open to spirituality and love of God. This helped me to experience Holy spirit and God's love towards me. But it was not just a retreat, it was also one week of how to become a Jesus youth and find yourself as a Jesus youth member. The experience of praise and worship (also needed to be said) played a major part helping me to centralise my thoughts and feel the presence of Holy Spirit which resulted in a strong sense of inner peace during the prayer sessions. Additionally, the sessions presented assisted me to clear lot of my questions, and also received a invaluable insight from the questions of other participants.

Abhinav Tharaken

QUT Student

Like a lot of people whenever people around me were praising I would always have a debate in my head about whether I should join in or not. We had adorations and praise and worship pretty much every day and I realized I wasn't the only one with this issue but within these 6 days with the help of the leaders I was able to realise there is nothing to be ashamed of.

During adoration we were all able to individually strengthen and mend our relationship with God. I've been to many adorations before but the way I felt during the ones in TS were so unreal and powerful. I believe that I was able to get closer to Jesus in a way I never thought I could. We had the opportunity to be prayed over and majority of us had such a powerful experience through it.

Chelsia Tom

QUT Student

For me, Trendsetters was so much more than a camp or a retreat. It was an EXPERIENCE. A life-changing experience. I now know, with conviction, that God is REAL and that a life without Him would be completely meaningless. I didn't want to go to Trendsetters, but even from Day 1, I could tell that it wasn't going to be a 'typical' retreat. The resource people were all very engaging and presented topics that I had never truly considered before, but really needed to hear. What inspired me the most was the way they talked about Jesus and how their lives completely changed after they met Jesus. It made me think, "I want what they have. I want to be able to talk about Jesus the way they talk about Him, and I want to know Jesus personally so that I can do that genuinely'. I walked into each session with no expectations (mainly because the volunteers gave us no hints, at all 😊) and walked out, utterly shocked, at how relevant every word was to me. Everything I heard whether it was random conversations with the volunteers or things that the other participants shared, but especially during Praise and Worship- struck my heart. It was as if they knew what I needed to hear and were saying it specifically for me. This is how I know, for a fact, that the Holy Spirit was there on that mountain with us.

Blessy Mathew

UQ Student



International Leaders Program 2022

Linson Sunny (WA)

"The training session was something that both spiritually and practically lifted my life to centre me more towards God's will."

Reuban Sajan (VIC)

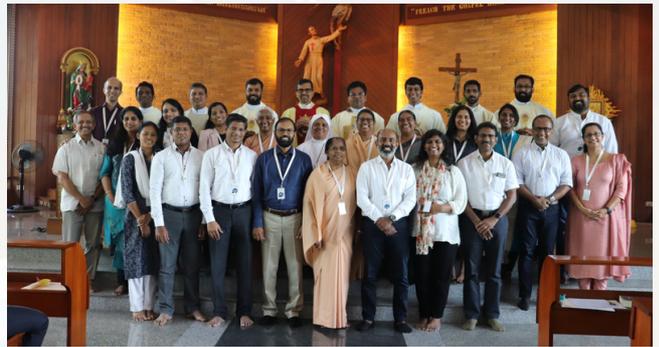
"ILP 22 was an incredible experience through which I came to know of the richness of the JY movement across the world."

Lovely John (VIC)

"It was a great opportunity to meet up with the most senior leaders of JY and got really inspired by their love for Jesus Youth, and remarkably their simplicity."

Silgia Rajesh (VIC)

"It was an amazing experience; learned and unlearned so much : relaxed, refreshed and rejuvenated."



"By the grace of God our training program went very well. It was so intensive, but we enjoyed everything; especially the three youth from Timor enjoyed and learned a lot. They began a wonderful faith journey. Please continue to pray for them.

Once again I would like to express my heart felt and profound gratitude to each one of you who made possible for us to attend this training. And we these days have been praying for you all. We will continue to pray for your family and mission"

- Sr. Julie, East Timor

THANK YOU From East Timor

Trendsetters ACT - From the eyes of the organiser

I was always intrigued by the Trendsetters program and the fruit it bared around Australia. Even though I am currently a regional team member and part of the family team, I saw an opportunity to observe and learn from more experienced team members and raised my hand to be a part of the Trendsetters program team. My intent was to learn how to run a program and experience the works of the Holy Spirit by working in a team. The TS core team had only four members, and all others were already occupied with previously assigned tasks. Little did I know I would be left with to look after mobilisation and general coordination. As there were no other options and feeling heavy with a strong desire to serve, I said yes, and my husband, Moncy whole heartedly joined me on this journey.

Although it was challenging and difficult, I should say that I thoroughly enjoyed the journey and experienced God's providence. I have never been part of a youth ministry or coordinated a programme like Trendsetters. As a team, we spend 5-6 hours together over 2 months, purely for discernment. This was a great time of prayer. The messages and promises of the Lord were carried out throughout the program.

During the program I felt awesome to be in the active presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit through each step. The first day was overwhelming, but as the day progressed, things got better. The second day was back-to-back sessions, and the day ended up with the best adoration time ever. It has been a long day,



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and by the end of the adoration the youth began to mingle and a sense of family started to blossom.

Highlights of this trendsetter included power-packed sessions, Q and A, Adoration, Holy Mass, prayer over time, 24 hr adoration chappal, games, tracking, agape feast, graceful and vibrant volunteers, music, wonderful resources, and so on. It was a delight to watch these young souls grow in spirit and use charisms.

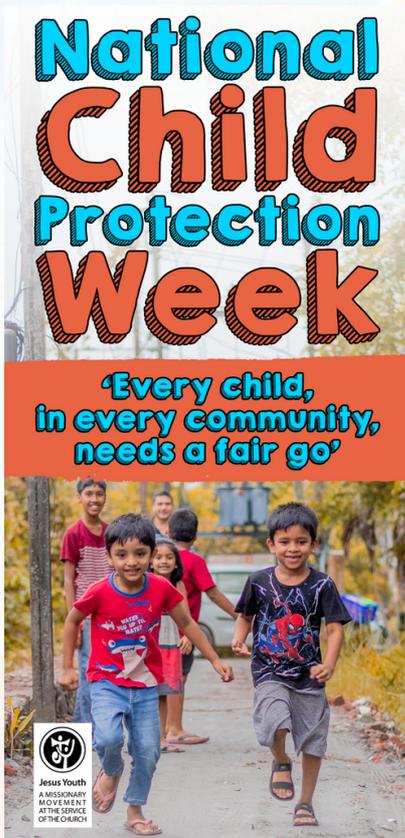
We as a team had been through many ups and downs but the prayer support we received enabled us to keep trusting in the steadfast love of Christ. There were times, the program team thought not to go ahead with the program, but the mercy of our God was with us and provided whatever we needed/asked for from his abundance. Intercession was the backbone of this program. People opened their houses for intercession prayers in the evenings. This kind of strong intercession and night vigil had not happened in Canberra for a while. Despite the challenges, our aim was for every youth who participated to have a personal encounter with Christ.

Our dear Lord poured out his desire to meet with the participants more eagerly than ever and all ten participants had a profound experience. Some participants and even volunteers began using the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and also included a physical healing experience. Post the program the Holy Spirit continues to kindle the flame within me to journey with these young hearts and catch up with them as often as possible. The participants also began a prayer meeting to discover, taste and feel more of Christ

Finally, all praise to God.

Dainy Daniel

ACT Regional team member



**National
Child
Protection
Week**

**'Every child,
in every community,
needs a fair go'**

JESUS YOUTH
A MISSIONARY
MOVEMENT
AT THE SERVICE
OF THE CHURCH

Children are one of God's most precious gifts, and have the right to feel safe and happy at all times. Child protection week promotes the value of children and importance of focusing on the issues of child abuse and neglect. This is an opportunity to prayerfully reflect and acknowledge the significant impact of abuse on children and vulnerable adults.

This is also a reminder for all JY volunteers of their commitment and responsibility to promote the safety and well-being of all children whilst also taking every measure to prevent any harm to children and minimise risk.

We have a strict safeguarding policy to provide a safe and secure environment for all children who are involved with JY Australia. Safeguarding of children is a core value of the movement as it is firmly rooted in the belief that each individual has infinite worth, being created in the image and likeness of God.

Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for your unconditional love for all your children. We pray for all children who are in need of protection, comfort and peace. We pray that our heavenly father bestow upon the wounded with healing and courage that they may find peace and joy. Strengthen and guide us in all our efforts to safeguard your loving children with respect and love. May we all strive to accept responsibility and commit to safeguard all the children and vulnerable adults who are involved with JY Australia. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:

- *Called to Lead - National Leaders Program 2022*
- *National Youth Team*
- *National Child Protection*
- *World Youth Day Lisbon 2023*
- *Regional Council Reconstitutions*
- *International Reconstitution*
- *October Mission Month*

