

*Prayer Guide  
For People Praying for  
Students Attending the HSM Retreat*

**Theme:** Imago Dei

**Description:** Before the fall of sin in Genesis 3, we see in Genesis 1:26-27 God creating mankind. Not only does God create mankind, but creates us in His image. However, sin has entered the world and we have all chosen to accept glory for ourselves instead of reflecting glory to God as we were created to do. God's Word is completely relevant and sufficient to speak to us and reveal the truths of being made in God's image. With our redemption in Christ, this now becomes a process of God shaping us, making us again into the image of our Creator.

**Friday Night – Created in God's Image (Creation)**



1. The main goal for this message and session will be to help all students to realize that we are made in the image of a loving God and that our value and worth comes from Him.

a. Pray that students' eyes would be opened to understanding who they are created by and the implications that carries.

b. We will be walking through Genesis chapter 1, seeing that we are made as small images to reflect the perfect image, Jesus.

2. Students will divide into small groups to discuss the significance of being made in God's image on a deeper level.

**Saturday Morning – We have damaged, but not destroyed God's image (Fall)**

3. The main goal of this message and session is that students would realize that we are subject to sin and have chosen to accept glory for ourselves instead of reflecting glory to God, as we were created to do.
  - a. Pray that students would recognize their sinful ways of choosing to live for their own glory instead of the glory of God.
  - b. Pray that students would see that even though we have damaged what it means to bear God's image, God's image is not completely destroyed.
4. We will walk through Genesis 3:1-7 where sin enters the world and we see the first example of mankind not accurately bearing God's image. We will also walk through James 3 and see that mankind is born in sin, but still created in the Image of God.

- a. Pray that students would understand they don't naturally exemplify the attributes that God shares with us and apart from Christ, they are slaves to self-worship.

**Saturday Night – Our restored relationship with God empowers us to bear His true image. (Redemption & Restoration)**

5. The main goal of this message and session is that students would realize that God has died for their inability to perfectly live for God, but also to begin shaping them into the image bearers he designed in creation.
  - a. As we walk through Colossians 1:13-15 & Colossians 3:10, pray that students would see Christ as the perfect image of God who perfectly reflects the glory of the Father.
  - b. Please pray that students realize that as believers, God now desires to conform us into the image of His Son.
6. Students will go off by themselves for about 30 minutes to reflect on questions that will encompass the ideas and truths they hear over the weekend.
  - a. Pray that students would be encouraged through God's Word to seek repentance and would be thankful for Christ's death that now allows them to bear God's true image.
  - b. Pray that students would seek out leaders to be honest with and to step into living a life of seeking to reflect God's glory through their image.

**To Pray After the Retreat:**

1. Pray that students would continue reading and reflecting through the rest of *In His Image* by Jen Wilkin
2. Pray that students would continue to grow in their understanding of where they can more accurately bear the image God has given them as He continues to conform them into the image of Christ.