



## A Service of Recognition

The following service is designed to be part of a regular worship service. Feel free to adapt it. Please invite parents, unit leaders, and/or counselors to stand with the recipient. At the selected time, the pastor will invite the recipient(s) forward, along with special guests, and say:

**The Church seeks to provide opportunities for worship, for study, for service, and for fellowship. Our church uses the P.R.A.Y. Program as one means of Christian growth and discipleship. Today we take time to celebrate one/those who has/have fulfilled the requirements of the P.R.A.Y. program and deserve(s) recognition for outstanding accomplishment. The Bible teaches us that Jesus “grew and became strong, he was full of wisdom, and God’s Blessings were upon him” (Luke 2:40) The young person/people before you today is/are following the example set by Jesus by seeking to grow in Christian faith and service.**

**The P.R.A.Y. program requires young people to study scripture and then design service projects to put into action what they have learned. [If time allows, briefly describe the program, or ask the youth recipient to tell about a favorite lesson or family/service project.]**

**[Name has] or [These young people have] completed the requirements of study and service for the [Jesus and Me/ God and Me/ God and Family/ God and Church/ God and Life] award program(s), and has/have earned the right and privilege of wearing this/these emblem(s) in recognition of this/these accomplishment(s). [Present awards at this time]**

**These recipients have received P.R.A.Y. awards which feature a four-colored cross. The four colors converge into a point to create an “X” at the center of the cross. “X” is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ, and it is symbolic of how Christ should be at the center of our lives. The four colors correspond to the four levels in the P.R.A.Y. series.**

**[Name] you are wearing a *Jesus and Me* emblem. The purple symbolizes Jesus as King. May you always know Jesus as Storyteller, Teacher, Friend, and Healer.**

or

**[Name] you are wearing a *God and Me* emblem. The red symbolizes love and the blood of Christ. May you always be reminded that you are “Best Friends with Jesus.”**

or

**[Name] you are wearing a *God and Family* emblem. The yellow symbolizes sunlight & joy. May you experience the joy and blessings of family as you seek to “Grow in God’s love.”**

or

**[Name] you are wearing a *God and Church* emblem. The blue symbolizes loyalty and truth. May you embody both of these as you continue a lifetime “Journey with Christ.”**

or

**[Name] you are wearing a *God and Life* emblem. The green symbolizes new life and growth. May you always know that you are “Called by Christ to Serve.”**

Unison prayer with the congregation: **Please join together in prayer: “Lord, your Son has called all of us into the adventures of learning and serving. Today we celebrate one/those who has/have answered that call in a special way. We thank you for (name) and for this moment of joyous celebration. Continue to challenge all of us to grow in Christian service, that your kingdom may become a reality in and through our lives. Amen.”**