

National Junior High Sunday 2020

“Take the Log Out” based on Matthew 7:3-5

Prayer

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Dear God of clear vision, how beautiful to see your works in our lives. All that you give to sustain us, to teach us, to comfort us, and to love us is put before your children to see. Help us to see.

Oh God of clear vision, we pray for others who would rather *look* away than to be *shown* the way more clearly. We ask for your guidance in removing obstacles from our own vision so that we can more securely direct the path of others. Help us to see.

Precious God of clear vision, thank you for your Word. Open our eyes to glimpse all of your gifts in creation. Help us to see.

Giving God of clear vision, be with those who become angry, judgmental, and cynical because of the irritation that is like a plank in their eyes. Give us patience to love and to not reject. Help us to see.

Forgiving God of clear vision, we confess that we sometimes reach out to correct or change others who have made small offenses to us. Forgive us when we cannot see our own sins against one another. Help us to see.

As you have taught us in your Word, remind us that we have work to do when removing the speck from another's eye, while ignoring the log in our own. Help us to see. Amen.