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God of All Journeying, You wrestled with Jacob at Piniel and he came to know Your name. You blessed him and his life was never the same. Be with the young adults of NBA XPLOR as they seek to know Your will. Bless them as they call You by name. Amen.

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