National Adoption Month Prayer Guide

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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY®
“At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”

Matthew 18:1-6 (NIV)
• Pray that the Lord would provide each child with a safe and caring adult to speak into their life.

• Pray that the children will pray for healing and strength for their parents.

• That each child will know that they have a purpose. God will take everything in their life and shape a future for them. They aren’t defined by their past or a label.

• Pray that God will place a song of joy in their hearts. Pray for their healing and restoration as God keeps His eye on them.

• Pray that each child in need of therapy would receive trauma-informed therapy to aid in their healing.

• That God would provide educational advocates to facilitate that each child gets the services they need for school.

• That there are adequate foster homes to allow sibling groups to be placed together when possible.
"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)
Families

- Pray that God would anchor each parent to a hope that allows them to see, know, and receive forgiveness.

- Let God rewrite your family’s story. The past is the past, and today is today, and God will lead you.

- Pray that they begin to trust in Jesus. That God would send people to walk alongside hurting families without judgment.

- Pray that the Lord delivers individuals from behaviors, self-medicating, and abuse of drugs and alcohol.

- Protect families from isolation. Let them ask for help. Let them know that the Father hears them.

- Let every family know that the Father sees them, knows them, and loves them. He is waiting to have one on one time with them.

- Family Changes Everything. Lord, speak to the heart of families to open their hearts and homes.
“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up.”

Romans 15:1-2 (NIV)
Churches

- Lord, ignite the church to bear one another’s burdens by serving hurting families in their communities through acts of kindness.

- May the church show Christian love is unselfish, kind, thoughtful, caring and gentle towards those who have been hurt and are hurting.

- Pray that the church is unified and committed to serving ‘the least of these’ in their community.

- Lord, show us how to give our time, gifts, and talents so that bio, kinships, foster, and adoptive families are supported.

- Pray that the church would be a foster and adoptive friendly church that actively engages in meeting the needs of families called to foster and adopt.

- Pray that Sunday School and Children’s Church leaders are trained to meet the needs of children with trauma histories.

- Pray that churches would collaborate to meet the needs of families and children.
“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

Romans 15:5-7 (ESV)
Communities

- Pray that families experiencing poverty and financial challenges would have access to employment and fair wages.

- Pray for affordable and safe housing and daycare for families.

- Pray that the community would collaborate and partner with churches and parachurch organizations to meet families' needs.

- Pray for increased availability of mental health and drug rehabilitation services.

- That communities would come together and pray for their city, county, and state.

- Pray that communities would serve the Lord by serving their neighbors - those in need who are struggling.

- Pray for community leaders.
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Preparation Hearts and Homes for Kids in Foster Care