

WALK A MILE IN THIER SHOES 2021 PRAYER GUIDE

1 Pray for Foster Children

- That they know they are loved by God
- They would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior
- That they would experience a feeling of belonging in a foster family, a church community, or a group of friends within your community
- That God would heal the deep hurts these children have experienced & protect them from future harm
- That hundreds of thousands of young adults in our country who have “aged out” of the child welfare system, that they might still find a Christian family to forever call theirs, that they might find mentors to help them navigate life wisely, and that they would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior
- That God would open doors to keep sibling groups intact or in contact with one another as they grow up

2 Pray for Foster Families

- That God give them endurance & strength as they invite children into their families
- That our community would rise up & stand by foster parents while encouraging & supporting their needs
- That God will provide for all their needs emotionally, financially, & spiritually
- For their strength, empathy, & care of children that come from difficult circumstances
- That God would raise up an army of godly foster parents who are equally committed to reunification & adoption when necessary, trusting God alone for the outcome He desires
- That current foster parents, that they would not lose heart and that they would be diligent in seeking justice for the children in their care

3 Pray for Department of Social Services & Licensing Agencies

- That safety & emotional well being of social workers in our community as they come face to face with difficult situations
- That social workers & administrators would fight discouragement & burnout by continuously seeking & finding joy, hope, & peace in Christ
- That God would encourage our state’s social workers, that they would experience great joy in their work, & they would not grow weary in doing good
- That each agency have sufficient staff & volunteers to deal with the overwhelming number of children who need their help
- That God would move more Christians to launch careers in the child welfare system



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Pray for Churches

- That the churches in our community will choose a specific way to care for children in foster care based on the strengths of the believers in their church
- That congregations would welcome adoptive & foster families with love & support
- That the church will develop advocates who speak for those without a voice
- That God will open hearts & show that everyone can take action to help forgotten children
- That believers in the church would be consumed with compassion for the children in foster care, and would make themselves available for how God wants to use them
- That more and more church leaders would respond to the needs in foster care and would actively engage in the child welfare system

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Pray for Law Enforcement Officers

- That the law enforcement officers in your community would be well equipped to engage in their roles as protectors of the weak, including children who experience abuse or neglect
- That officers in your community would have wisdom & empathy as they interact with children who come from hard places
- That the safety & the emotional health of law enforcement officers as they come face to face with difficult situations & experiences on a weekly basis in our community

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Pray for Lawyers & Judges

- That God would appoint godly judges & lawyers to rule in the lives of foster children
- That they would have the eyes to see the specific needs of children in foster care your community
- That they would take an active role in initiating repair of what is broken in families & in foster care system
- That they would seek Biblical wisdom when defending children

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Pray for Classmates of Foster Children

- That children in foster care find friends in their new schools & encounter compassionate teachers who help them through tough transitions
- That your local teachers would gain wisdom & knowledge necessary to help students respond well to children in foster care

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." Proverbs 31:8

*"Defend the weak and the fatherless:
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." Psalm 82:3*

