

National ADOPTION MONTH

"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families..." -Psalm 68:5-6

Each November during National Adoption Month, we celebrate the redemption, hope and beauty in adoption stories. But each adoption story has challenges, tests and trials.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul gives simple, straightforward encouragement on how to wade through difficult waters. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

This prayer guide is designed to help Christians pray to that end, specifically for children and teens who have been or are waiting to be adopted, adoptive families and parents who placed their children for adoption. Gather your church, small group or family in November to pray for the needs of those most vulnerable and make these prayers a regular practice in the rhythm of your life and church.

Pray for children and teens who have been or are waiting to be adopted

Pray that children transitioning into new families would be able and willing to express their emotions and feelings to their counselors, social workers and parents.

Pray for a forever family for each child whose parental rights have been terminated and are waiting to be adopted.

Pray that God would create opportunities for sibling groups to stay together in adoption.

Pray for families to adopt children with special therapeutic needs.

Pray that older kids and teens awaiting adoption would find a forever family.

Pray for the young adults who aged out of the child welfare system without finding a "forever family". Pray that God would provide safe, loving families who would welcome them as a part of their family for the long haul.

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Pray for adoptive families

Pray that more Christ-following families would step forward to adopt and that they would understand the joys and challenges of adoption.

Pray that newly formed adoptive families would bond together and smoothly transition as their family grows.

Pray that God would surround new adoptive families with a supportive community of believers.

Pray that the families who have adopted children from foster care would have wisdom, experience God's grace and overflow with godly mercy as they parent their children.

Pray for the biological parents of children being adopted

Pray that birth parents are surrounded with love from those they encounter on a daily basis so they feel God's presence.

Pray for provision in moments of despair, grief, exhaustion, anger or fear and that God will send people into their lives that will help them through these difficult moments.

Pray for open hearts and minds among people in their community to be mindful of struggles others experience, seen and unseen, and treat them as they would wish to be treated.

Pray each birth parent feels the certainty of their worth, their value and their purpose in Him.

Pray that each birth parent's physical and tangible needs are met and that those able to help will be called to do so according to His purpose, generously, graciously and without judgement.

Pray that each birth parent is able to release shame and guilt to fully accept God's unconditional love and grace.

To learn more about how you and members of your church can support or become foster and adoptive families, visit buckner.org/adoption.