



24. God will provide the government environment for Christian families and ministries to serve foster children.
 25. Government, church and ministry leaders seek God's will at all times as they serve children and families.
 26. God will open doors for partnerships between government, church and ministry leaders.
 27. God will provide necessary funding for services—through government, organizations or individuals.
 28. God will guide government and ministry leaders in being good stewards of all that He has entrusted to us.
 29. Believers will be unified in Christ around this issue, drawing others to Him and to His service.
 30. Each of us will be open to God's calling in relation to foster care and child welfare.
 31. Each of us continually remember and lift up foster children and their families in prayer.
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Rejoice **always,**
pray continually,
give thanks in all
circumstances;
for this is *God's will* for you
in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

As Christ followers, the command to care for orphans is clear. And foster children are our country's orphans. So if we're called to care, what is it, specifically, that we're called to do? To provide shelter? To clothe and feed? To advocate for their best interests?

Each of us must answer that question according to God's leading. But all of us can start with prayer.

Inside are suggestions for praying without ceasing about our country's foster crisis each day of the month.

MONTHLY PRAYER AGENDA

Today, I pray that:

1. Our hearts will be aligned with God's heart for our nation's most vulnerable children.
2. God will awaken the church to her mandate to care for foster children.
3. More church leaders will make an active commitment to foster care ministry.
4. God will raise up workers to fill the void: families, volunteers, child welfare professionals.
5. God will draw these workers to Himself and that their actions be rooted in the gospel.
6. Each worker will continually seek a child's best interest in all circumstances.
7. God will open more Christian families' hearts and homes to fostering.
8. Foster families will receive necessary support from the church community.
9. Foster families and other workers have training to effectively prepare them for their work.
10. Foster families will trust God alone for the outcome He desires.
11. Each foster child will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
12. Each foster child will experience God's love and comfort through the care they receive.
13. God will open doors to keep brothers and sisters together—in one home or one church.
14. God will heal foster children's deep hurts and protect them from future harm.
15. God will transform these children's lives and hearts so they are able to forgive those who have hurt them.
16. Each child will have a forever family—with their biological family or through foster-to-adopt.
17. Families who adopt from the foster care system will have godly wisdom and grace in all things.
18. Foster children's biological families will be drawn to God and experience life transformation.
19. Biological families will be treated with dignity, grace and mercy by all those in the child welfare system.
20. Children who have been returned to their homes have a safe, healthy experience.
21. Children who have "aged out" of the system might come to know Jesus and find families or mentors to help them navigate life wisely.
22. God will intervene in the lives of at-risk families, providing necessary help to prevent the removal of their children in the first place.
23. God will encourage and strengthen our state's social workers so that they would not grow weary in doing good.

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