

# 28 Days of Prayer for Foster Care



The foster care crisis is real and is present in our country, state, county and community. It cannot be ignored.

- There are more than 430,000 children in foster care in U.S.
- More children are entering foster care than exiting each year
- There is a national shortage of foster families in the United States

*The church must step up and take action*

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**May is Foster Care Awareness Month.** Please join us in dedicating 28 days - four weeks - to praying for the needs of the foster care system. We've provided a guide on the back with topics and people to pray for each week over the course of the month.

In addition to praying for those that we've listed, please continually pray for God to move in our churches and raise up individuals to provide foster homes, adoptive families, mentors and support systems for the children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

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## WEEK 1

### Pray for children in Foster Care

- Pray that these children would know that they are loved by God
- Pray that these children would experience belonging in a foster family and in a church
- Pray that God would lead them and provide healing as they work through their past and current trauma

## WEEK 2

### Pray for the Biological Parents/Families

- Pray that these families have strength to face their circumstances
- Pray for the relationships between the biological families, foster families, and foster care system/social workers
- Pray for churches and individuals in our area to learn how to support biological families and come along side them to help equip them for reunification with their children

## WEEK 3

### Pray for the Foster and Adoptive Families

- Pray for strength, endurance, and patience as these families invite children into their homes and hearts
- Pray for the local church to rise up and support these families that have been called to care for orphans
- Pray for potential foster and adoptive families in our area to listen to the Lord's call on their life and seek Biblical wisdom through the process

## WEEK 4

### Pray for the Foster Care System and Social Workers

- Pray for the emotional well being of the people that daily come face to face with difficult and sometimes dangerous situations
- Pray that social workers would seek joy, hope, and peace in Christ and lean on Him even through discouraging circumstances