



Praying Through Your Adoption Process

PRE-ADOPTION or PRE-FOSTERING

Pray through **Psalms 143:10**:

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

- Pray for discernment to decide if God is calling you to adopt or foster
- Pray for your heart to soften for the age/gender/challenges that describes the child placed with you
- Ask God to show you where your child is
- Ask God to lead you to an agency
- Ask God to bring adoptive/foster families into your life for resources

FOR YOUR CHILD

Pray **Psalms 32:7** for your child:

You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

- Ask God to protect your child's biological family
- Ask Him to give the birth family peace and support during pregnancy or temporary relinquishment when they place the child with you
- That this experience will cause the birth family to seek Him
- That the birth family comes to know Christ
- Protect the child from illness, hunger, and danger
- Keep your child(ren) comfortable and well cared for
- Ask Him to provide someone to love the child (if adopting)
- For the child to experience love, affection, and attention from their caregivers
- That God would prepare your child's heart to come to know Him
- For God to prepare your child to join his/her family and know he/she is loved
- For your child to bond with your family





THROUGH THE PROCESS/WAITING PERIOD

Pray **Isaiah 41:10**:

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

- Ask God to provide the finances if adopting
- Ask that God would help you to fall in love with the child He has chosen for you to adopt
- For other children in the family--that God would help them see the child with eyes of compassion
- That the hearts of extended family members will be softened to your adoption or fostering
- For the details of the process/paperwork to be worked out
- To trust God's timing and that He is in control
- Ask God to show you how to draw closer to Him during your wait
- For God to strengthen your marriage
- Pray for interactions with the birth family and that you would be a witness to them about Christ
- Ask for His patience

MEETING YOUR CHILD

Pray **Psalms 139:16**:

Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

- Pray for safety and health for those traveling and for family members staying home
- Trusting that you are right in God's will: This is the child He has chosen for you, and He will be sufficient to equip you to love and parent him/her
- That the child would feel loved and safe with you.
- That God would allow your child to be comforted by you
- That your child will bond quickly with you if adopting
- For the birth family to have peace in placing the child
- For paperwork and processing to go smoothly





WHEN A CHILD HAS BEEN PLACED WITH YOU

Psalms 107:1

Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good. For His lovingkindness is everlasting

- Pray that everyone will get sleep and quickly adjust to the time zone
- For child placed with you to feel comfortable living and sleeping in a new home
- For siblings to adjust and feel loved by parents and extended family members
- That you child will continue to attach to your family
- That any remaining paperwork can be completed without delay
- For God to provide support for your family (meals, errands, etc.) and that you would allow others to serve you
- For family members to understand your need to be alone to adjust
- For your child to understand God's love and come to know Him personally
- For God to give you wisdom in talking to your child and others about adoption
- For God to prepare your child to understand his/her adoption and to trust that he/she is in the family God chose for him/her.

