

Fostering and Adoption

Prayers and worship resources on the themes of 'Fostering and Adoption' – updated January 2014



Adoption

Loving father,
Who has adopted us into your kingdom,
We pray for all the children who endure difficult family experiences.
Those who have been abandoned or bereaved, abused or neglected.
Those whose best hope for a happy life is to be found with new parents.

We pray also for parents who have been separated from their children,
Those who feel they can no longer cope.
Those who have had no example of good parenting.
Those who have themselves been unfairly treated or abused.

We thank you for social workers who seek to value children and parents in all circumstances, and for the way that your grace is made real through them.

And we thank you for those who have been willing to adopt,
To commit themselves to children,
To offer costly and genuine love.

Loving father,
We thank you for the gifts of life and love which so often we take for granted.
And as we think of all who suffer because of their family situation,
We ask that you will lead them to the assurance, acceptance and wholeness for which they were created.
And show us, who are here only by your grace, to be the living embodiment of your heavenly loving-kindness in down to earth ways.

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A prayer for looked after children and young people

Loving God,

We pray for children and young people who are in the care of local authorities, foster and adoptive carers.

We pray they would know and feel the security that is their right.

We pray that they would know and feel the love that is theirs through you.

We pray for those who are missing from care, that they might be kept safe from exploitation, neglect and suffering.

Guide all who are a voice for children and young people to speak loudly and clearly, particularly in parliamentary settings and on our streets, so that security and safety, love and hope might be the experience of all children and young people.

Amen.

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