

FOSTER GARE PRAYER GUIDE



DAY 1

PRAY FOR THE FOSTER CHILDREN IN OUR STATE AND NATION.

There are more than 11,000 children in foster care in Georgia and more than 400,000 in the US.

Pray that they know that they are loved by their Heavenly Father, created on purpose for His purpose.



"GOD IN HIS HOLY DWELLING IS A FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS."

PSALM 68:5 (CSB)

DAY 2

PRAY FOR THE 143 MILLION ORPHANS ACROSS THE WORLD.

Pray for their **protection**, that they would encounter the love of Christ and experience His hope.

Pray that the Lord would **raise up believers** to serve them and show them His love.

Pray for their **current situations** to be **safe and healing**.



"GOD PROVIDES HOMES FOR THOSE WHO ARE DESERTED..."

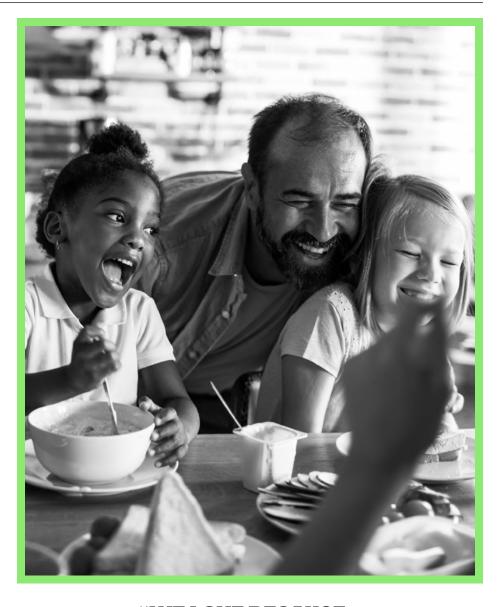
PSALM 68:6 (CSB)

DAY 3

PRAY FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN EXTENDED CAREGIVER SITUATIONS.

Pray for their **emotional**, **physical**, **spiritual**, **financial**, **and other resources** needed to care for these children.

Pray for **caregivers to feel confident** in raising these children and that their community will step in around them.



"WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US."

1 JOHN 4:19 (CSB)

DAY4

PRAY FOR BIOLOGICAL PARENTS.

Pray for their **salvation**. Pray that they would have the **strength** to work through their circumstances.

Pray that they would keep their children's **best interests at heart**.

Pray for their **relationship** with foster parents and DCFS.

Pray that the church would come alongside them to **support** and **equip** them as they seek reunification with their children.



"FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD; THEY ARE JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS."

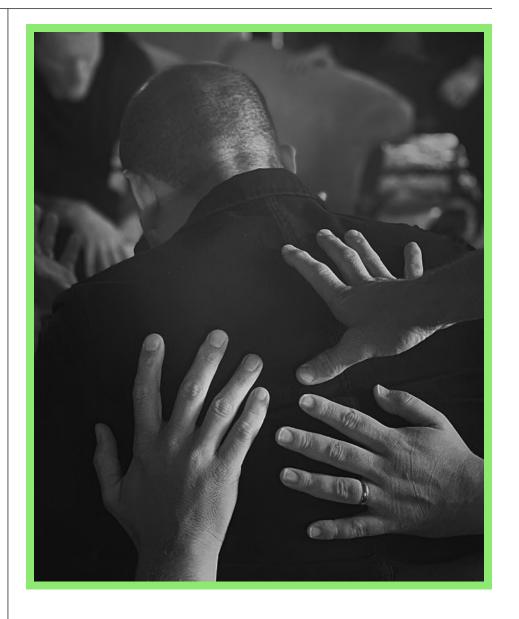
ROMANS 3:23-24 (CSB)

DAY 5

PRAY FOR CHURCHES TO STEP INTO THE FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION, AND KINSHIP CRISIS.

Ask for **wisdom** for these churches on where they should step in.

Pray for churches to **come together to serve** the most vulnerable in their community.



"CARRY ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS; IN THIS WAY YOU WILL FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST."

GALATIANS 6:2 (CSB)

DAY 6

PRAY FOR FOSTER PARENTS.

Pray for **endurance** as they navigate social workers, attorneys, judges, CASA's, therapists, etc.

Pray for wisdom in their circumstances.

Pray that they will be **grace-filled** and also **discerning**.



"AND GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE EVERY GRACE OVERFLOW TO YOU, SO THAT IN EVERY WAY, ALWAYS HAVING EVERYTHING YOU NEED, YOU MAY EXCEL IN EVERY GOOD WORK."

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 (CSB)

DAY 7

PRAY FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

Pray that they **seek the Lord's guidance** in their adoption journey.

Pray they will **find community** with other adoptive parents and in their churches for **support and wisdom**.

Pray for **grace** to abound in their lives and hearts.



"AND THE KING WILL ANSWER THEM, 'TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME."

MATTHEW 25:40 (CSB)

DAY 8

PRAY FOR SOCIAL WORKERS.

Pray for their **safety** and **well-being** as they encounter daily traumas of children and families.

Pray for the Lord to open doors for the church to **serve them** and **support them**.

Pray that they will find their **strength** and **peace** in Jesus.



"LOVE ONE ANOTHER DEEPLY AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
TAKE THE LEAD IN HONORING ONE ANOTHER."

ROMANS 12:10 (CSB)

DAY 9

PRAY FOR YOUR PASTORS AND MINISTRY LEADERS.

Pray that their hard work in this area will **encourage** and **embolden others** to jump in.

Pray that they would lead with **wisdom** and **humility**.



"LET US NOT GET TIRED OF DOING GOOD, FOR WE WILL REAP AT THE PROPER TIME IF WE DON'T GIVE UP."

GALATIANS 6:9 (CSB)

DAY 10

PRAY FOR TEACHERS.

Pray that they will be **aware of the unique needs** of foster, adoptive, and kiddos who are placed outside their biological parents.

Pray that they will be **equipped with knowledge** and **compassion** for the trauma these children have experienced.



"ADOPT THE SAME ATTITUDE AS THAT OF CHRIST JESUS..."

PHILIPPIANS 2:5 (CSB)

DAY 11

PRAY FOR GOD TO RAISE UP MORE FAMILIES IN YOUR CHURCH TO ADOPT AND FOSTER.

Pray that the Lord will surround them with a praying and **supportive community**.

Pray for the enemy to be **bound from** bringing them **doubt** and **fear**.



"AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ONE CHILD LIKE THIS IN MY NAME WELCOMES ME."

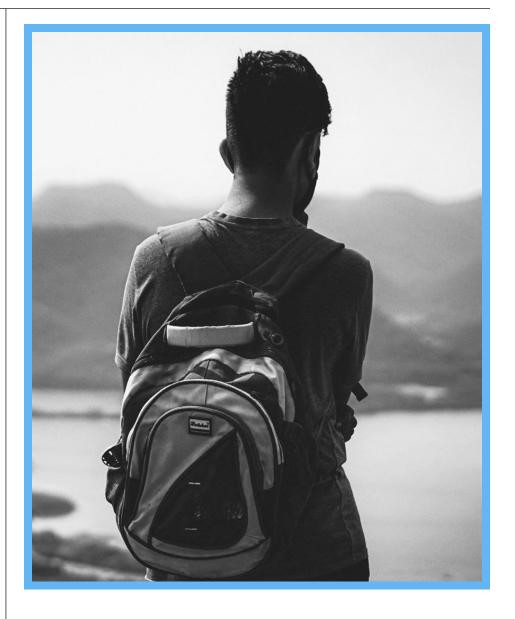
MATTHEW 18:5 (CSB)

DAY 12

PRAY FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE/ HAVE AGED OUT OF FOSTER CARE.

Pray for them to find community in the family of God.

Pray for their **strength as they navigate young adulthood** without the permanency of family.



"THE LORD IS NEAR ALL WHO CALL OUT TO HIM, ALL WHO CALL OUT TO HIM WITH INTEGRITY."

PSALM 145:18 (CSB)

DAY 13

PRAY FOR LAWYERS AND JUDGES AS THEY WORK WITH THE FOSTER SYSTEM.



Pray for **wisdom** in their decisions.

Pray for their **hearts** and **minds** as they deal with unimaginable situations each day.



"PROVIDE JUSTICE FOR THE NEEDY AND THE FATHERLESS; UPHOLD THE RIGHTS OF THE OPPRESSED AND THE DESTITUTE."

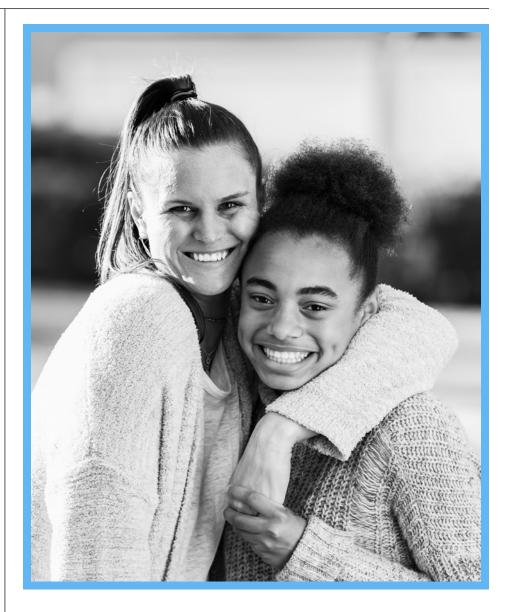
PSALM 82:3 (CSB)

DAY 14

PRAY FOR CLASSMATES AND PEERS OF FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE CHILDREN.

Pray for rich **friendships** and **connections**.

Pray for **kindness** and **understanding** for them as they encounter children from difficult situations.



"A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL TIMES, AND A BROTHER IS BORN FOR A DIFFICULT TIME."

PROVERBS 17:17 (CSB)

DAY 15

PRAY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AS THEY SERVE AS FIRST RESPONDERS.

Pray that they **guard their hearts** and **minds** in Christ Jesus.

Pray that they can be a **light in the darkness** for the children they encounter.



"LOVE ONE ANOTHER DEEPLY AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS."

ROMANS 12:10A (CSB)

DAY 16

PRAY FOR CASAS (COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES).

Pray for them to have **wisdom** as they navigate the relationships between children and parents/foster parents.



"JUST AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE OTHERS, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE VARIED GRACE OF GOD."

1PETER 4:10 (CSB)

DAY 17

PRAY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS.



Pray for **wisdom** as they **write bills** and **vote** that serve vulnerable children.

Pray for **Christian officials** who seek to serve the unseen among us.



"WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT FROM THE HEART, AS SOMETHING DONE FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR PEOPLE."

COLOSSIANS 3:23 (CSB)

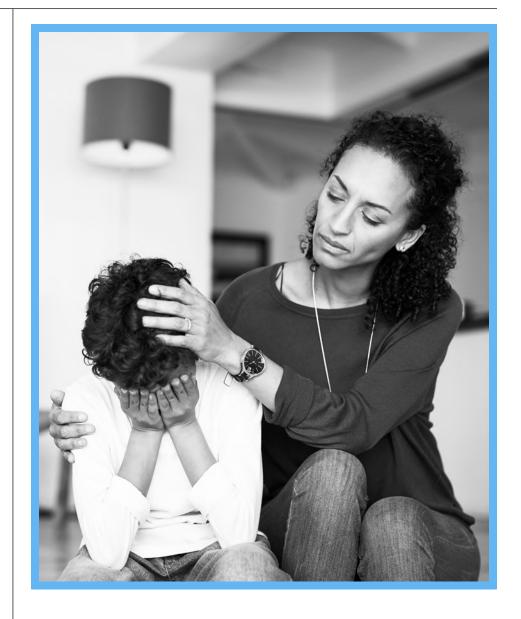
DAY 18

PRAY FOR RESPITE CARE PROVIDERS.

Pray that they will **build community** with the families they serve.

Pray that God will **open their hearts** to the children they serve in the short-term.

Pray for more respite families.



"HE SAID TO HIM, "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND."

MATTHEW 22:37 (CSB)

DAY 19

PRAY FOR BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER FAMILY.

As **biological children** step into the role of being a foster family they are in a situation where they are sharing their mom and dad, their roles and birth order in the family may change, and they may experience secondary trauma as they learn and see the effects of trauma on their new siblings.

Pray for them as they **adjust**. Pray for them to see their new siblings through a **lens of compassion**.

Pray that as their family changes, they are able to **cling to Jesus who is unchanging**.



"JESUS IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER."

HEBREWS 13:8 (CSB)

DAY 20

PRAY FOR TRANSITIONS.

Throughout the foster care system there are many **transitions** as kids come into care, as kids visit with their biological families, as kids transition to being back with their biological families.

Pray that kids and adults will embrace.



"A PERSON'S HEART PLANS HIS WAY, BUT THE LORD DETERMINES HIS STEPS."

PROVERBS 16:9 (CSB)

DAY 21

PRAY THAT HEARTS WILL BE SOFTENED TO THE GOSPEL.

As kids come into care, they may have been in places to hear & see the Gospel, but they may be coming into a place where for **the first time they hear the Gospel message**.

Pray that their **hearts will be softened** to all that God will teach them through this new season.

Pray that **they will know Him** and **come to understand** His call on their life.

Pray that they will **understand John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son" means that **God loves them**.



"FOR GOD LOVED THE WORLD IN THIS WAY: HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."

JOHN 3:16 (CSB)

DAY 22

PRAY FOR FAMILIES AS THEY NAVIGATE LOSS AND GRIEF.



Pray for families as they **navigate the loss** and **grief** that takes place in the foster and adoptive community.



"THE LORD IS CLOSE TO THE BROKENHEARTED AND SAVES THOSE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT."

PSALM 34:18 (CSB)

DAY 23

PRAY FOR REST AND RENEWAL AS FAMILIES NAVIGATE THE ROLLERCOASTER OF THE SYSTEM.

Pray against burnout.

Pray for **rest** that can only come from the Lord.



"COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE You rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

MATTHEW 11:28-30 (CSB)

DAY 24

PRAY FOR HEALTHY WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITHIN THE FAMILY UNIT.

Pray for **healthy ways to communicate** within the family unit.

Pray against anger and bitterness.

Pray for communication to be **life-giving**, **connecting**, and **fruitful**.



"MAY THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER."

PSALM 19:14 (CSB)

DAY 25

PRAY FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY FOR FOSTER FAMILIES.

Pray for **unity** among foster and adoptive families.

Pray **against loneliness** and **isolation**.



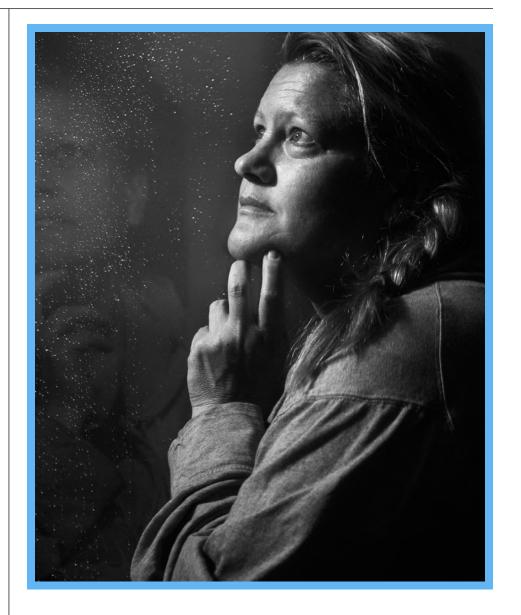
"LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE."

HEBREWS 13:1 (CSB)

DAY 26

PRAY FOR THE DRUG CRISIS IN OUR NATION.

The number of overdoses more than doubled between 2020 (63,000) and 2023 (112,000). This directly affects the foster care system.



"BUT HE SAID, 'MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR MY POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS."

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 (CSB)

DAY 27

PRAY THAT GOD WOULD HEAL FOSTER, ADOPTIVE, AND EXTENDED FAMILY PLACEMENTS.

Pray that God would **heal** foster, adoptive, and extended family placements as they work through **past trauma** and that He will walk with them through their present.

Pray that they will have **trauma-informed community** through their foster family, church, and school.



"I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH. THE LORD IS MY ROCK, MY FORTRESS, AND MY DELIVERER; MY GOD IS MY ROCK, IN WHOM I TAKE REFUGE, MY SHIELD, AND THE HORN OF MY SALVATION, MY STRONGHOLD."

PSALM 18:1-2 (CSB)

DAY 28

PRAY AGAINST THE SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL TO DESTROY FAMILIES.

Pray that any **generational sin will be broken** and that the Lord will give them **restoration** and **protection** against the enemy.



"THE THIEF COMES TO KILL, STEAL, AND DESTROY.
I [JESUS] CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND
HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY."

JOHN 10:10 (CSB)

DAY 29

PRAY FOR GEORGIA BAPTIST SAFE (SUPPORTING ADOPTIVE, FOSTER, AND EXTENDED FAMILY CAREGIVERS) CHURCHES.

Pray that as they open their doors to foster, adoptive and extended family caregivers that the Lord would **raise up servant leaders** to help with this ministry within their walls.

Pray about your church **becoming** a **SAFE** church.



"FOR YOU WERE CALLED TO BE FREE, BROTHERS AND SISTERS; ONLY DON'T USE THIS FREEDOM AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH, BUT SERVE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH LOVE."

GALATIANS 5:13 (CSB)

DAY 30

PRAY FOR YOUR ROLE WITH ADOPTIVE, FOSTER, AND EXTENDED FAMILY CAREGIVERS.

Pray for the Lord to **open doors** for you to serve in whatever capacity He has for you.



"PURE AND UNDEFILED RELIGION BEFORE GOD THE FATHER IS THIS: TO LOOK AFTER ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR DISTRESS AND TO KEEP ONESELF UNSTAINED FROM THE WORLD."

JAMES 1:27 (CSB)

