

For peace as we pray -
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every
situation, by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6

For hope as we pray -
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans
15:13



Cherish All Children, a service of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, partners with churches and communities to prevent child sexual exploitation and trafficking. As a part of this ministry, we invite churches to pray for each child, youth, and young adult, ages birth to 25.

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Thank you for making a commitment to pray for a child or young adult every day. What a gift you are providing them and the Cherish All Children ministry!

This booklet was written to help you follow through on your commitment. There is a prayer for each day of the month for specific ages of children and young adults up through age 25. We want to pray for our young people throughout these most vulnerable years of their lives. You may use these prayers each month exactly as they are, or use them as suggestions for prayers you create.

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God's blessings, love and peace to you as you enter into this time of prayer.

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CHERISH ALL CHILDREN SONG

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We are God's people;
We cherish all children.
God protect them;
Hold them in love.
Train and equip us,
Speak through our voices,
That all your children
May know your love.

—words by Pastor Karen Bolton

Cherish all children,
O God, we ask you.
Guide us in keeping
All children safe.
We'll keep on praying,
Teaching and watching,
Guided by you, God,
In action and prayer.

—words by Rhonda Westerfield

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CHILDREN I AM PRAYING FOR:

DAY 1

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have parents who are supported with guidance, wisdom, and patience as they learn how to parent this child. Bless this child, an amazing gift of your grace. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will grow and develop a healthy body, have good nutrition, plenty of physical activity, and a home that provides for his/her needs. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find joy and support in his/her first years of school, first bus rides, and first time making new friends. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy reading something that captivates his/her attention. I pray that an interest in reading really takes root in his/her life during these special years of development. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy his/her increased independence. Please give his/her parents the discernment to know when granting some independence is a good thing for all of them. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find someone he/she can trust and admire as an example of what it means to be a servant to you. Let him/her follow your example of serving others, Lord Christ. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will feel the love and support of family and friends. He/she may be living away from home for the first time and feel lonely or homesick. Let him/her know he/she is loved and cherished. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will feel a sense of direction as college winds down, graduate school is considered, or early years of jobs and/or military service are ending. Hold him/her up as he/she considers career choices. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 2

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ and thank you, Creator Spirit, for giving that first gasp of breath when he/she was delivered, and for his/her strong lungs and voice telling Mom or Dad what he/she needs. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find love and nurturing in his/her family. Please provide the parents with the tools and support they need to help this child blossom and thrive. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have patient, wise, and nurturing teachers at this beginning of his/her journey in education. Help him/her to blossom and grow, and to find mastery in new skills and knowledge. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have all of his/her needs met today: nutritious food, a safe place to live, appropriate clothes for the weather, supplies for school, plenty of sleep, and a supportive family. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will value his/her ability to be useful to his/her family and others with babysitting, shoveling, lawn mowing, cleaning, or helping with food preparation. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be inspired by your Spirit to use his/her gifts. I pray that he/she will have a positive attitude toward volunteering. Remind him/her to use the Bible to learn what true service is from you. Provide good opportunities through mission trips or even helping neighbors. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will make new friends on the post-high school journey. Grace him/her with good companions during this transition into adulthood. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have support during times of stress when facing the world as an adult. Help when he/she feels overwhelmed with job hunting, faces bills and loan repayments, seeks health care for the first time, hunts for an apartment, or navigates relationships. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 31

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will always have a church family to count on, to be there for all the milestones in his/her life, and to support the whole family on their journey. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn or recite a prayer of thanksgiving for the many gifts you have given him/her today. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will make good choices today. And if he/she doesn't make good choices, help him/her to realize the mistake, learn from it, and move on. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be free to be a child today, not to have any worries or burdens. Please hold him/her in your embrace, and let him/her focus on just being a child. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will recognize your wisdom daily and feel a true sense of your love and justice. Guard him/her as he/she encounters peer pressure about sex, drugs, and other temptations. Guard his/her heart, body, mind, and soul. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy a good laugh today. Give him/her moments of levity and help him/her learn not take him/herself too seriously. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will reach out to someone and share his/her faith and gifts. Make him/her aware we are all on this journey together, and helping each other out along the way will make it easier for everyone. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will continue or reawaken his/her relationship with you. May he/she lean on you for support and guidance to seek for help and answers through your word. May they know there is no greater love than yours. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 30

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a variety of caring adults in his/her life and learn that he/she has an extended family (related or not) to count on. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a joyful silly time today and fully experience the wonders of these preschool years! In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know he/she doesn't have to be perfect to be loved. Let him/her not be compared to anyone else today. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have an involved community looking out for his/her interests. I pray for good politicians who make policies that protect and nurture him/her. I pray for adequate funding for schools and programs that he/she needs. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have access to health care, a good school, and a safe neighborhood. Bless our politicians that they will make wise decisions on behalf of our young people. Bless discussions that his/her parents have with him/her about sexuality, drugs, and peer pressure. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find joy in his/her own personal growth. Allow him/her to feel the excitement that comes with mastering skills. Help him/her to build on these successes. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will remember to lean on you, seek your guidance and wisdom, know of your love, and cherish the life that you have given him/her. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be successful in life. Foster in him/her a good work ethic, a desire to nurture his/her body with good nutrition, exercise, and rest, and loving relationships. May he/she have health care, access to transportation, job prospects, and most importantly, the foundation of your love and grace. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 3

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that his/her parents will have supportive people while carrying, awaiting and bearing this tender new life and in its early years. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have kind, firm, and loving caretakers and preschool teachers. Equip them with patience and joy as they teach and guide this child. If he/she has a stay-at-home parent, provide that parent with a community of support in raising this child. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have positive experiences with his/her classmates, and develop the inner strength to treat others with respect. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a stable environment and the continuity of one school during these formative years. I pray that he/she is able to avoid a transient lifestyle. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have the clothing, nourishment, and shelter needed to give him/her a good physical foundation on which to grow and learn. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will remember that you are his/her best friend. May he/she feel your love and presence every day. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a good sense of self when presented with peer pressures and temptations like drinking, drugs or sex. Please walk beside him/her at this time, God, ready to catch him/her if he/she falls. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find help for alcohol or drug issues, if they become a problem. Keep him/her safe while he/she navigates these troubled waters. Grant him/her the maturity and strength to make good choices and to recognize when he/she needs help. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 4

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that his/her parents will realize that through baptism they are all bonded together as one with Christ. May they ever feel Christ's presence in their home. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3-5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn to be a good friend, to share with others, and to enjoy his/her time with buddies. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find support, love, and nurturing at the end of each day. Show this family, Lord, your love and how to love each other. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be in a school with good teachers, a good principal, and access to the best educational environment. Please provide the tools he/she needs to academically thrive. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find joy in reading. Lead him/her to good books that will inspire a hunger for knowledge. Much that is available for kids to watch can rob them of their identity as your children, so please guard him/her from negative influences. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will defy peer pressure and stand up to injustices done to others, even if it makes them appear less "cool." In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will remember to call a trusted adult or family member if he/she finds him/herself in trouble. Remind him/her that we will love him/her unconditionally. May he/she trust that help is available. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have both family and friends watching for signs of mental illness. Many types of mental illness manifest themselves in the late teens and may become a real problem in their twenties, especially if they are living away from home. Grant him/her with access to care if needed. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 29

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will always have enough food and enjoy eating and drinking for nourishment to grow and thrive. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will hear prayers in the home, the word of God spoken, Bible stories for children being read. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have parents who love this child unconditionally. May these parents remember he/she needs love the most when he/she doesn't act like he/she deserves it. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be exposed to art and have chances to create things him/herself. I pray that he/she has the time and space to "be messy" as he/she explores and creates. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will really know that he/she is being prayed for every day. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have good and healthy relationships with male and female friends, so he/she can have a good foundation for developing close relationships as an adult. May he/she respect good boundaries and have safe, nurturing relationships. Heal his/her heart quickly, if it gets broken, and show him/her how to treat others respectfully even while hurting inside. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find time today to enjoy nature, fresh air, and all that you have created. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find and respect healthy boundaries in relationships. Remind him/her to treat others the way he/she would like to be treated, with honesty, integrity, and accountability. Ask him/her if anything he/she is doing is going to hurt the person he/she is seeing. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 28

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy budding friendships as he/she learns to play with other children. Help him/her learn to share with others, and to accept disappointment when things are not shared in return. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy people more than "things" today, growing in his/her relationships with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be listened to when he/she is talking. Help him/her to have some time with his/her parents without distractions. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be involved in a good Sunday School program. I pray that he/she is learning about God's love for him/her, and how the Bible is relevant in his/her life. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will think about others. Make his/her heart large enough to care for others. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have parents who are vigilant in seeking help for health, mental health, or drug and alcohol issues. Give them the wisdom to see problems before they spiral out of control. Grant this family access to the services they need. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have access to affordable health care. Remind him/her that preventative care can help him/her avoid pain and sickness while saving time and money. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will share his/her joys with his/her parents. These can be job successes, relationship highs, bargain hunting thrills, a new car, apartment, newfound cooking skills, getting a pet, traveling, or deciding what he/she wants to do in life. Let them celebrate together over big and small things. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 5

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have parents graced with patient love as they face the huge responsibility of caring for and nurturing _____, and as they go through changes in their own relationship. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy learning something new today that will engage his/her mental development and creativity. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find enjoyment in various activities, but not be over-scheduled. Help this family find balance between outside opportunities and precious family time—and time to "just be a kid." In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have access to good health care: medical, dental, vision, and mental health care if needed. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be involved with his/her family at home, especially at dinner. Help this family stay connected with shared time and with ears open to hear all that is said, even when it is challenging. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will make safe choices with the joys and risks of driving and riding with friends. Please be with him/her and keep him/her grounded in safe practices. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find ways to cope with pressures to perform at school or work. Help us to be vigilant in watching for signs of depression, anxiety, or eating disorders. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a sense of humor with life's changes since everyone around them is moving, changing, and making big life choices as well. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 6

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will come to know the joy and privilege that I have in this gift of praying for him/her. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a welcoming Sunday School available at his/her church. Please help these Sunday School teachers provide him/her a good sense of their church family and positive teachings of your great love for him/her. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have enthusiastic Sunday School superintendents, teachers, and programs. Help this church family to nurture and captivate his/her interest in learning about you, and delighting in you! In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy a variety of friends. I pray that he/she knows other children who share the same interests and who are able to negotiate their differences with respect and compromise. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be diligent in doing his/her homework. Strengthen his/her ability to be motivated and learn time management skills. Show his/her parents how to be supportive during this time of increased school work and other activities. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will use the Internet wisely. Help his/her parents to be vigilant with time limits and reasonable parental controls—but not so as to alienate this teenager. Help him/her to enjoy this great tool safely. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find immense joy in this adventure of discovering who he/she is, his/her place in the community of your family. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be able to pursue his/her goals with sufficient resources. Protect him/her from making short-sighted choices. We think we know of things more sure than your promises and how quickly we fall into the temptation of trying to make it on our own without you. Please be present at this time. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 27

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be blessed with a home filled with peace, patience, love, and Christ like role models. May this child never be led astray by evil influences in the world. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will benefit from this prayer that I say for all of us: Please help us and give us the courage to do all that we can to protect our very young children. Please help us make more people aware of possible dangers and guide us to be good Christian mentors for all children. I pray, too, that those who harm children will get help to keep them from harming anyone again. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will share at least one meal with family each day. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have access to music in his/her life, either lessons or music in the home. May he/she through music learn another way to express and experience joy. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be able to pause for a bit today to laugh, run, enjoy the sun, or just feel the wind in his/her hair. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have parents who will show their support for his/her chosen activities, whether it is sports, music, art, or anything else. Help the parents understand the need for kids to feel connected with peers and active in what interests them. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know how to cook, clean, and do laundry for him/herself. May he/she feel happy in the ability to care for him/herself. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will feel safe discussing tough issues, big or small, with a loving and supportive family. May he/she also find support and comfort in your word. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 26

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will grow and develop knowing without a doubt that he/she is loved and cherished by you. Surround him/her with your nurture and protection. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will benefit from having parents involved in their church family. I hold these parents up in prayer, as well as him/her. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have special time with a parent today. Help his/her family enjoy the bond of playing games, or finding other activities to do together. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn the value of completing schoolwork in a timely fashion, establishing good study habits. I pray that he/she understands that learning is gift and a process. May he/she also know that it is okay to be confused or to get things wrong, and to feel comfortable asking for help. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a safe day, a quiet evening at home with time to get chores and homework done, a good night's sleep, and energy for a new school day. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have family time together, for meals or activities. Let them enjoy being with each other, or learn how to enjoy being together. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn good coping skills and time management, and quickly adapt to roommates, changing schedules, and conflicting demands. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn that there is no such thing as a free lunch. Foster responsibility in him/her in pursuing his/her dreams. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 7

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a strong support system of family, friends, and neighbors who provide love, commitment, and stability to this child. Please allow me to be part of this support system as I offer my prayers. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have the opportunity to celebrate nature. Teach him/her that there is something to delight in every single day, and that all these things are gifts from God. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have meaningful celebrations and traditions in his/her home throughout the year. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be able to grow in a hobby or pursue other interests like drama, chess, music, collecting things, drawing, sports, scouts (or other organization), or even just playing board games. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will experience your love so that he/she will come to value him/herself. Open his/her heart to your grace so he/she hears your own voice affirming your love for him/her. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will keep an open dialogue with his/her parents and other trusted adults. Please help his/her parents to do their part to make this happen. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will always keep the foundation of faith developed in his/her early years. This may be a time of questioning or absence from the church, so please keep your light burning in his/her heart. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will always have community to sustain him/her in his/her values. Help him/her so that he/she is not taken in by the wrong crowd and taken advantage of. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 8

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have you watch over him/her, as he/she explores the world. Please keep him/her safe from the everyday hazards of life. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn patience and gain self-confidence as he/she learns how to use a scissors, hold a crayon, and dress himself/herself. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn to pray, both in celebration and praise to you, and in times of concern. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn to help others, maybe a lagging classmate, an elderly neighbor who can't rake their yard anymore, read to a younger child, collect coins for causes, and help out at church, at home, or in the community. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be given the right peers, friends, family, or congregation member to be your presence, your love, your forgiveness, your hope to him/her. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will maintain healthy self esteem in the face of both successes and failures, whether academic, in recreation activities, or in personal relationships. Provide him/her with resiliency and perspective. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find direction when making choices about schools, jobs, programs, and paths to follow. Walk with him/her as opportunities open and/or close. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be involved in wholesome and nurturing activities, using the many gifts you've given him/her. Help him/her to find honor in all the choices he/she makes. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 25

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will get a good night's sleep, and that his/her parents do as well! Grant them rest and renewed energy. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know that he/she is being prayed for by someone from church, that we take our baptismal promises to him/her seriously. I thank you Jesus for being linked to _____ in prayer. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will not be the object of bullying. I also pray that this child will never participate in bullying any other child. May there be no behavior which would rob him/her of his/her self esteem, or make him/her feel ashamed. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will use imagination and creativity today and be encouraged to learn and explore new things. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a strong sense of self and of your constant presence so there will be integrity and mutual respect in every relationship he/she has. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know consistent limits: curfew times, chores, house rules, expectations for schoolwork, limits on media time. Help the parents to be consistent despite the grumbling! In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be surrounded by your love when illness and/or death may be felt somewhere in his/her extended family. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will realize that if he/she is not prudent banks will charge overdraft and late fees. Help him/her be fiscally wise and carefully balance his/her accounts monthly. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 24

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will not be judged for using a pacifier or sucking his/her thumb, that his/her parents will be supported whether they use cloth or disposable diapers, whether the mother breast feeds or uses formula. Please keep judgments away from the whole family as they sort out what works best for their unique situation and temperaments. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find peaceful rest in Jesus through the coming night. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be supported through all the challenges of life: losing teeth, getting glasses, trying to make friends, and working to succeed in school. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will engage in some good old fashioned silliness. I pray that he/she finds something that will make him/her laugh out loud and enjoy this day. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have supportive, affirming, and trustworthy parents. Help them set sensible boundaries for him/her, and make occasional concessions for special events. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be nurtured by both his/her family and the congregation, be included in the church fully, and not left to wander after confirmation. Help his/her faith feel real and relevant. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will get the proper nutrition and exercise needed for his/her continued health. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will realize that we all come from families with some level of dysfunction. Allow him/her to build on the good in his/her past, and find a way to reconcile that which was not so good. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 9

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that ever day he/she will find joy in all that you have created: food, sunshine, rain, grass that tickles, sticky snow, a warm bath, and gentle hugs. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn from natural consequences. Help his/her parents to work on natural consequences instead of punishment, so he/she can learn to make good decisions. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have plenty of adults in his/her life in addition to his/her parents, who are trustworthy and involved in this child's development and well-being. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy a daily ritual such as having a meal together with his/her family, or an evening story time. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will grow in faith and be safe from danger. I thank you, Lord Jesus, that I have him/her to pray for every day. I pray that he/she knows how faithful you are as he/she grows through all life's changes. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be able to resist risky behaviors with drugs and alcohol. If he/she does make a poor choice, please help parents be accessible so the behavior doesn't continue in secrecy and shame. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will adjust to and enjoy life in a dorm or apartment, just being away from home. Help him/her to grow into this newfound freedom and responsibility. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have you watching over him/her. He/she is vulnerable because he/she believes him/herself to be invulnerable. Please continue to walk with him/her even if he/she thinks he/she doesn't need you. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 10

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find comfort in times of discomfort, soothing words and hugs when teeth are coming in, a warm lap to cuddle in when sick or tired. May this nurturing environment provide a strong foundation for dealing with life's ups and downs. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will not be too embarrassed if he/she has an "accident." Help this child's parents and caregivers to calmly help him/her, and show him/her they still love him/her and want to help. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will feel comfortable talking about situations that don't seem quite right, find trusted adults who listen, and know that he/she will be heard. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will take note of the weather and the environment. Help him/her to find something to cherish in whatever type of day he/she is experiencing. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be blessed with patient teachers who have the wisdom and skill to help him/her want to learn. Bless them for nurturing this precious youth. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will guard his/her heart and body with decisions involving sexuality. Lord, keep him/her safe from choices that he/she may not be mature enough to make. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have good financial guidance, especially with credit cards or loans. Teach him/her habits of thrift, saving, and delayed gratification. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have discernment when considering if the person he/she is dating is "the one." Watching others begin to get married can make him/her contemplate marriage. May this tremendous life choice be made in a gradual and thoughtful manner. Guide him/her to a Christ-centered union. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 23

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, along with his/her parents, that he/she will have a lot of patience and a good sense of humor to get through his/her potty training. I pray that learning will go smoothly, and that everyone will know "accidents happen." In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be safe from harm and danger today as he/she faces all sorts of challenges. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be provided with nutritious meals each day, a quiet place to sleep, and a safe home. I pray that he/she always has the basic necessities of life without worrying. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn how to include all children in his/her life, to avoid being a bully, and to cherish the uniqueness of others. I pray that this child is also accepted and cherished by those who come in contact with him/her, that he/she not be exposed to shaming or humiliation. Teach him/her all about respect and respecting differences. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be given the "smarts" needed to trust his/her gut feelings in uncertain situations, and to have the courage to resist and find a trusted person to talk to. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will not push his/her boundaries aggressively or excessively, but in normal and healthy ways, as he/she earns and learns his/her way to independence. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will feel your grace sustaining him/her in these times of transition and growth. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know of your support, love, and grace, when faced with illness and/or death in the family. Remind him/her of love that lives on in our hearts, and the joy of the eternal life to come. Grant him/her a sense of peace while dealing with sorrow. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 22

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn to feel good about himself/herself. May he/she see that he/she was created by God to be a unique individual. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have special time with a parent this week, even when schedules are busy. Please help parents to slow down and cherish him/her this week, to read a book, play a game, take a walk, or sing a song together. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have good before- and after-school care, whether he/she is with a parent at home, or in day care, or in an after-school program. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn tips for a good life, proper etiquette, and the value of being on time. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find him/herself bound together with his/her family in the warmth of your love so that they will always nurture responsibility, creativity, gratitude, and joy in each other. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be guarded from harmful media images and values. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will will not fall into temptation during school breaks. Remind him/her of who he/she is, and how to hold onto his/her values when in a crowd. Then, grant him/her the rest, relaxation, and recreation he/she needs. May he/she have fun, but not be reckless. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will seek sources of optimism when much of the world news sounds bleak. Help him/her fight a sense of hopelessness by finding ways to engage in the changes he/she would like to see. Remind him/her of your love for him/her, and for the whole world. Be his/her strength and ray of light. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 11

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will discover a sense of accomplishment and sense of what is possible for him/her. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be treated with respect, and will learn to respect others. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will just enjoy this day that you have given him/her. Let him/her recognize the wonders of Creation in crunching leaves or snow, the songs of birds, and wind in the trees. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will not be exposed to sexual or violent content through TV, movies, songs, video games, or the Internet. Guide his/her parents and friends' parents to monitor what he/she is exposed to. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn how to ask for help from teachers, friends, family, and other trusted people. If he/she struggles with school, faith, relationships, or any other issues, please give him/her the strength and ability to ask for help. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will receive good counsel and guidance to prepare him/her for college or a career. Guide him/her and his/her family on decisions for his/her future. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy his/her independence while maintaining connections with family and friends. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be financially responsible. Please help him/her to be cautious with credit cards, and to practice good stewardship with earnings from first "real" jobs. Remind him/her to give back the first fruits of what you have given him/her, even when money is scarce. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 12

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy a growing awareness of communicating his/her needs and emotions. May he/she delight in learning how to wave, how to smile, how to say those first words, to make the connection between words and what they mean. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will not be exposed to coarse words or harmful images at home or in friend's homes through TV, music, or other people's behavior. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy many close relationships with siblings, friends, or neighbors. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will feel secure in who he/she is. I pray that the Holy Spirit remains present to help build and keep self-esteem. Please don't let the media or other kids define who he/she should be. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be recognized for his/her participation in church. When acolyting, ushering, singing, or even helping pastor during Communion, let him/her see smiles or hear words of gratitude for his/her service. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will make wise choices when selecting friends, to understand what a true friend is. May he/she be nurtured and nurturing in these relationships. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn the skill of making good life choices on his/her own. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will persevere in school or at a job, even if he/she feels overwhelmed. Grant him/her patience, strength, and confidence that he/she is up to the task. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 21

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn gradually ideas of right and wrong, with gentle yet firm guidance. May he/she learn that limits actually make life easier and more enjoyable. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn that he/she will sometimes win and sometimes lose when playing a game. Teach him/her how to be a gracious winner and a good loser. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have limits on all media time, including computer use. Please lead the parents to resources on how to keep children safe while on the computer, especially if they have access to the Internet. Please help him/her learn how to use the computer safely. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have appropriate responsibilities for his/her age. Let contributing to the family give him/her a sense of confidence and responsibility. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a diligent family to get him/her to church, confirmation, youth group, and other church events. Help us to affirm the family in caring about his/her growth in faith and knowledge of you. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be blessed with good teachers who have the wisdom and skill to help him/her want to learn. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will make good choices about transportation. If he/she has a car, grant him/her the wisdom to use it wisely and to understand the costs involved. Remind him/her to be a safe pedestrian, driver, and passenger. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will enjoy a family (especially parents) who show that they are proud of his/her decisions and trust in his/her independence. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 20

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will only know good and nurturing touch, the kind of human contact God desires us all to have. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a grandparent in his/her life. Sometimes there is no-one else who can make a child feel more loved or special than Grandma or Grandpa. Please help the grandparents and/or other special elders in this child's life recognize the important role they play. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn that we are all different, and that this is not only okay, it is great! Help him/her understand they can't be good at everything. Please help him/her discover his/her gifts, and to rejoice in the gifts of others. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn how to communicate feelings and needs. I pray that he/she has someone who genuinely wants to listen to him/her. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be protected from behaviors that can make him/her vulnerable. Please make sure that he/she has support and guidance, and is not left too much on his/her own. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have the continuity of a safe place to live and a safe family. Please watch over him/her and provide the tools he/she needs to thrive. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have good conversations about the cost of college and/or other options. Give him/her the needed counsel and courage to decide openly, honestly, and rightly, the way for his/her future. Remind him/her and his/her family to seek your guidance. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will feel a great sense of accomplishment in hard earned successes. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 13

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have good health care providers who are both compassionate and thorough. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have concerned and loving family members and friends in his/her life to trust and count on for support. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn to be a good steward of this earth, learn to turn off lights, walk with his/her family when possible, put on more clothing if it is cold and take off more if it is warm, enjoy food from large containers rather than individually wrapped portions, be happy with what he/she has instead of falling for the allure of products in commercials, and learn how to waste less. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will feel special, cherished, and loved! In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find good role models for healthy eating, physical activity, respect, and good stewardship of the precious body and mind you have given him/her. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will not be persuaded to join any "cliques." Give him/her wisdom and strength when dealing with cliques. Help him/her at all times to look at each individual, and to treat them as they would like to be treated. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be responsible at his/her first jobs, enjoying both the money and the experience they bring. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have optimism and resiliency when that dream job doesn't happen, or that relationship doesn't work out as hoped. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 14

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a loving caretaker if Mom and Dad work outside of the home. May he/she grow reassured that Mom and Dad will always come back home. If a parent is able to be at home with him/her, give them the resources to feel successful and nurturing as a parent. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have access to good health care and good health care providers. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find guidance, a moral compass, and needed limits in his/her household. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will discover his/her own special gifts and constructive ways to use them. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will trust people who are worthy of trust. I pray that he/she will not be exposed to any forms of abuse or bullying. Please, dear Lord, keep him/her from participating in bullying or abusing

him/herself. Help him/her to stand up to peer pressure. Amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be able to differentiate between peer pressure choices and genuine choices, and to always follow his/her heart and conscience. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be resilient when he/she doesn't get the job, school, class, or grade he/she hoped for. Let him/her know that he/she can survive setbacks and come out stronger for the experience. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn what it takes to have a good relationship, and to know what love really looks like. In relationships, help him/her to be kind, to communicate well, and to pursue dreams. This is the time to see if goals, beliefs, and values align, whether there is substance beyond physical attraction, and if they are capable of weathering storms together. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 19

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will come to know the existence of your love, your acceptance, and your joy. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have good and thoughtful people representing his/her interests in government helping him/her be safe, healthy, and equipped for life's journey. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find some areas where he/she can excel, whether in music, sports, reading, math, hobbies, or friendships. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have consistent rules to follow at home and at school. I pray that he/she experiences positive reinforcement for good behavior, and redirection and support for choices that weren't so great. I pray that he/she encounters natural consequences rather than punishment for negative behavior. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be allowed to still be a kid. Grant him/her gladness and playfulness this day. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know how faithful you are as he/she grows into the changes that come in the high school years. Give him/her a strong identity as your child so he/she can stand with integrity in the face of adversity. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be safe. It is a big wonderful world we live in, but things don't always go according to plan. For today, please keep him/her safe. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will won't succumb to the bombardment of worldly messages he/she receives. Give him/her a strong heart to make unpopular choices. Grant him/her wisdom and an independent mind to understand what good adult choices look like, and to not care what others think. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 18

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know that his/her parents or other loved ones will come and reassure him/her if he/she is afraid of something — a bad dream, a loud storm, walking in the dark, in any frightening situation. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know of your love and the love of his/her family, even if he/she accidentally breaks a cherished lamp, plant, or plate, or anything else. Help him/her feel that forgiveness is a wonderful thing! In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will understand that to have a friend, he/she needs to be a good friend. Help him/her to learn the art of compromise, taking turns, and sharing. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know how to contact extended family members and other trusted adults in case of an emergency. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will understand that information and images posted on the Internet can never be taken back. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know that he/she is being prayed for every day, through good times and bad. Remind him/her that his/her church community is standing beside him/her. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will stay focused. Help him/her to be mindful of what his/her goals are for after college, first jobs, or military service. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will work to transition away from a self-focused lifestyle to an outward looking one. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 15

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will be raised by parents who can follow Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Provide strong attachments for this child, so he/she will be grounded more and more on these solid foundations. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn to treat animals kindly, and to understand our responsibility to pets and wildlife. Also, teach him/her to be aware of his/her own safety around animals. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will begin to recognize others in need and develop a sense of compassion to support people who are sick, lonely, or in need of assistance. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know that he/she is being prayed for by someone from his/her church every day. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find guidance through these years of fluctuating hormones, emotions, and attitudes. Give his/her family a sense of humor and patience as he/she asserts him/herself in challenging ways. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will know that your forgiveness is there at all times, that your grace is given to him/her, precisely because we can't do it on our own. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find kind and decent people to date, and that he/she will be kind, decent, and respectful in return. Please walk with him/her as feelings of joy and/or heartbreak engulf his/her life. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will approach having children in marriage with caution and planning, with no feeling of pressure or fleeting desire. Be present as choices are made and sometimes not granted. Support him/her in this big and wonderful decision of bringing a child into the world. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 16

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have good leaders in the community and government who place a high priority on issues that can affect this child and his/her family. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have plenty of healthy love, affection, and physical contact. Let him/her know that he/she need not hug people if he/she does not want to. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find lots of ways to have fun and enjoy life. Help this family practice moderation in their TV habits, appropriate program viewing, and to discuss together what they see on TV. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have good role models in his/her parents, peers, friends and teachers. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have access only to computers with age appropriate filters. Keep him/her away from images that cannot be erased. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will grow into his/her responsibilities. Working to earn money, or good grades, or contributing to the operation of the household are skills that will help him/her now and as an adult. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will not be in a hurry to contemplate marriage during these young adult years. People change so much that it can be a challenge to make such an important decision at this age. Let him/her enjoy this "getting to know you" stage! In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will find a balance between complete independence yet possibly needing support from his/her family. Keep the relationship with his/her parents strong, respectful, and blessed with good communication. In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY 17

AGES BIRTH – 2 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that his/her parents will be financially stable. Grant these parents the ability and skills to take care of life's necessities and provide a safe environment in which this child will grow. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 3 – 5 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will have a plan if he/she is afraid of someone, that he/she can "run, yell, tell!" In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn healthy ways to show affection and understand personal boundaries. In Jesus' name, amen.

GRADES 3 – 5

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will grow in faith and learn more ways to pray, and find more reasons to pray. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will receive education on the proper use of computers, cell phones, and cameras. Please guide the parents and community so they can help keep their kids safe in the face of changing technology. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn good money management. I pray that his/her parents can provide guidance and then allow him/her to learn how to handle his/her own money. Make sure they all understand the need to save and to give back to God first before spending on him/herself. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will maintain a good relationship with his/her parents. May his/her parents learn to give him/her the independence he/she needs, while providing the stable foundation of their love and support. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ that he/she will learn to deny him/herself of something he/she wants, realizing it isn't worth going into debt over. Help him/her to focus on what it means to want versus need something. In Jesus' name, amen.
