



Prayer Guide

for Your Adoption Journey



What is your family doing at each step of the journey?

Please remember the importance of prayer as your family sifts through the large amount of adoption information. Consider the following ideas as you begin praying, and don't forget, the power of prayer can make all the difference each step of the way!

- Pray for discernment as you evaluate your motives for adopting.
- Pray for you and your spouse to have strength and patience to wait on God's timing.
- Pray for you and your spouse to recognize God's will, especially in the difficult times.
- Pray for the child God intends for your family. Pray that He would comfort and heal any wounds from abandonment, mistrust or abuse.
- Pray for the birth mother and father of your child.
- Pray for the foster parent or orphanage worker who is entrusted with taking care of your child.
- Pray for your extended family members that they might understand your decision and love your child.
- Pray for the millions of orphans who won't be adopted.
- Pray for your adoption agency's staff that they might have the wisdom and discernment to take care of the children entrusted to them.
- Pray for your child's health.
- Pray for your own health and strength.
- Pray for the officials in your country so that God might touch their hearts through the love you're showing through adoption.
- Pray to be Godly parents who will parent with love and wisdom.
- If you already have children, pray that your children will open their arms and hearts to their new brother or sister.
- Give a prayer of thanks to God, even if things don't seem to be working out. Remember Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."
- Pray to consecrate your child to God's service, whatever that might be.

There are many excellent resources for families in regards to strengthening your prayer life. Please talk to your pastor for recommendations.