

# Praying for Those Awaiting Children Through Adoption

Use this prayer and blessings chart as a "calendar" to encourage those walking the long journey toward more children.

Pray for the safety of the child(ren) God has chosen for your friends. Pray also for caretakers watching over baby until she joins her new family.	Use a map to find the adoptive country with your kids. Discuss their language and climate as a family. Imagine everyday life for other kids there.	With the family's permission, involve their church, school, or other special group in this journey. Raise awareness about orphans there.	Pray for the mama-to-be's heart: that God would ease any worries and that she would begin falling in love with her new babies.	Read James 1:27 with your family. Talk about how you can live out "true religion" even if you don't have plans to adopt personally.	Have your children send a card to any existing children in the adoptive family saying they are eager to welcome the new brothers/sisters.
Pray that the adoptive child(ren) will have hearts tender for the Lord.	Buy your friend's favorite soaps and lotions. Remind her to take care of herself during the waiting.	Handwrite Prov. 13:12 in a card; send prayers for those heartsick moments and intense longings.	Pray that the adoptive family's greater community would accept and love this new baby.	Write a letter to your friend outlining at least 5 specific ways you're praying for their family today.	Pray for housing provision if the adoptive country requires an extended stay.
Pray for the upcoming family adjustment period.	Make a CD with encouraging worship songs to lift spirits.	Give up your lunch today and fast for the adoptive family.	Pray for the court papers to soar past red tape.	Send your friend a "thinking of you" card.	Pray for speedy referrals and for the agency's work.
Pray for an abundance of patience and trust as weeks and months pass by.	Pray for affordable airfare and easy, uneventful travel when it's time.	Pray for the daddy-to-be's heart: that he would not fret over finances or other "what-ifs".	Consider doing a fundraiser or small benefit dinner to ease adoption expenses.	Calculate the time zone in the adoptive country and pray for the baby at his bedtime.	With the family's permission, consider setting up a meal donation calendar after baby's home.
Pray for any existing children in the adoptive family: that they would be warm, welcoming & flexible.	Read Isaiah 1:17 with your family. Discuss ways that you can "bring justice to the fatherless."	Light a candle for the baby and pray she'll be home soon. Think of her throughout the day. Pray God's will.	Assemble a few small travel items to entertain those planning to make the trip for baby.	Pray for the adoptive child's language acquisition once he joins his forever family.	Sponsor a child in honor of the adopted child coming home. Pay it forward even if you aren't adopting.