

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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PRAYERS *for* CHERISHING CHILDREN

BOOK II

Provided by congregations across
the country involved in the
Cherish All Children ministry.

Thank you for praying for a child, youth, or young adult in your life!

This booklet was written by congregations across the country who have been involved in the ministry of Cherish All Children. Amy Hartman, Cherish All Children Founder, shares the story of Betty, who had used the first booklet, Prayers for Cherishing Children, so much that she had committed them to memory! What a blessing to have such faithful, dedicated people acting on behalf of children. This booklet is dedicated in honor of Betty.

Similar to the first booklet, 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.

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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PETITIONS FOR "PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE"

We pray for all of our children and youth as they learn and grow, as they make new friends, and as they discover their gifts and strengths. We especially remember (name the children/youth/young adults) as they celebrate their baptismal anniversaries this week. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We celebrate with (name the children/youth/young adults) who mark the anniversary of their baptism this week. Help their loved ones and this congregation to keep our baptismal promises to bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, nurture them in faith and prayer, and pray for them in their new life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Jesus who welcomed children, we give you thanks for the children, youth, and young adults in this congregation. Today we remember and rejoice with those who are celebrating the anniversary of their baptism this week: (name the children/youth/young adults). We praise you for the Holy Spirit giving them new life through baptism. We ask a special blessing upon those who provide for their needs and well-being. We ask your protection, guidance, and inspiration as you walk with them in their journey of service and love of neighbor. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These prayer petitions were provided by Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN.

CHILDREN I AM PRAYING FOR:

DAY 1

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may know God's love as her/his caregivers sing hymns and psalms and spiritual songs throughout the day. May these melodies and words be a blessing her/his whole life long. In Jesus name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will regularly hear, learn and sing hymns, the liturgy and spiritual songs at her/his family's church and at home. May s/he learn of God's love, grace and joy through many forms of music. In Jesus name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will always travel with parents and others who insist on seat belt use. Keep her/him safe today and always from car accidents. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will respect differences in people. Bullying begins with children not seeing that others with disabilities, differences in skin color or social status are God's children too, equal in his eyes. Help her/him to love and befriend all classmates. In Jesus name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have at least one friend to sit with at lunch time to share joys and problems together. In Jesus name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS:

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may be protected from coaches and teachers in school and church who are perpetrators of sexual exploitation. Help our community to regulate and monitor adults in positions of power and leadership over students. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will use social media wisely. Keep her/him safe from predators and bullies on these devices and give her/him internal monitors for recognizing and reporting unsafe situations. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may be protected from date rape. May s/he be neither a victim nor a perpetrator. May s/he find support and prevention resources for this dangerous issue at this age. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale, MN.

DAY 2

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Please let the people around her/him be good people so s/he will grow into a caring, loving child. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Please keep her/him with caretakers that teach her/him to be a loving person. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Surround her/him with loving caregivers who will provide for her/his needs, protect her/him from danger and help her/him learn to get along with friends and family. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. May today be an adventure in learning about God's wonderful kingdom. Open her/his eyes to see God's hand in the world and people around her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Be with this child as s/he experiences the many physical, emotional and social changes in life. Help her/him accept the body you have given

her/him and take good care of it. Help her/him with her/his relationships with her/his parents, teachers and classmates. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS:

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Be with this young adult, help her/him to make responsible decisions in all aspects of her/his life. Guide and direct paths each day. Help her/him to truly honor her/his parents and select friends who are a good influence on her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he might feel your guiding hand in the midst of life decisions. Give her/him joy and peace in her/his work/education. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that you may help her/him grow wise in making decisions about work, family, finances and faith. Keep her/him safe from all harm. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by First Lutheran Church in Ogema, WI.

DAY 31

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have good health care available so s/he can get a healthy start to life. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have opportunities to play outside, whether that is in a sandbox, playground, a yard, or a recreation center. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have quality teachers and schools, so s/he will learn to value and enjoy education. May her/his community adequately fund the school system. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will learn many interesting activities that will stay with her/him for life. May her/his parents support and encourage these activities. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will look to God for strength when things are not going well at school or home. May s/he understand that Christian faith will help her/him center one's thoughts on what is most important when life is sad, negative, or when disappointing events seem overwhelming. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have teachers who encourage learning and career dreams beyond high school. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have educational opportunities for a career s/he enjoys, finds meaningful, and provides adequately financially. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have good mentors for learning how to manage money, her/his apartment or house, car, new jobs, and relationships. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Cherish All Children staff and St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MN.

DAY 30

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will embrace the wonders of creation—from the discovery of her/his toes and hands to the wonders of family and friends. Created in your love, help us to cherish all children! In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will grow in understanding of your love. From our gentle touch as we pray, to sharing toys and time, may we know your love embraces us always. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will continue to grow in years and in the knowledge of you and your grace in her/his life. Help us as we seek to lead her/him by our example of faithful living. In Jesus name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will feel your presence beside her/him today. May s/he never know despair by feeling unloved or unwanted. Let her/him feel your love in the arms of those who care for her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will withstand the chaos of the world and hear your voice. Through all the noise that is around us, help us to see that you created good out of the chaos and will always be there. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will hear your voice amidst the voices of fame and fortune. Guide her/his heart as s/he finds her/his path. Give her/him hope, guidance, and the ability to move through the maze of life! In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will experience the newness of life that you give us each day. When troubles come, help her/him know you make all things new. Through daily baptism may s/he embrace your ability to make her/him new. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will challenge her/himself to be an advocate for those without a voice. Open her/his eyes and ears to those in need. Give her/him strength and courage to be an advocate. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Ashland, WI.

DAY 3

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ and ask that you bless her/him. Place her/him in loving arms and provide safety for her/him, day and night. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he does not follow strangers, but follows only the voices of those who love her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be filled with your joy. Bring laughter to her/his life and put praise in her/his heart so that s/he will know that s/he can always talk to a loving Father. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a hunger for knowledge. Give her/him encouraging and supportive teachers. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will not live in fear, and that s/he knows the power of your love. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will not imitate what is evil, but what is good. Help her/him develop lasting, wholesome friendships. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will keep you in her/his heart and reach out for you in all circumstances. May s/he walk in the light as you, Lord, are the light. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a good conscience and desire to live honorably. Bring her/him the life partner you have chosen for her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by St. Martin Lutheran Church in Webster, NY.

DAY 4

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he is loved and cherished. May safe choices be made for her/his care with all the loving touch and smiles s/he needs to grow feeling loved. In Jesus' name, amen

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will receive proper and safe guidance with kind limit-setting by her/his parent/care giver as s/he explores and exerts her/his independence. I pray also that s/he will feel very loved and be taught about you, Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for children who are just entering the world of interaction with teachers and other children. Keep them from all harm and let them retain their sense of wonder at your creation and their faith in you. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that in hectic times of schoolwork, s/he will know that Jesus is with her/him wherever s/he goes. Hold her/him close to your heart as the day unfolds. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will realize how special s/he is and what talents s/he has. Help her/him realize and live to her/his full potential. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS:

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Open her/his eyes and heart to discern what is a "healthy body image," preventing her/him from misjudging her/his body and worrying about her/his looks. Help her/him to avoid situations that may lead her/him into the hands of those who would betray her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Give her/him your guidance, helping her/him discern which next journey will be best for her/him. Help her/him to have trustworthy persons in her/his life who will support, guide, and bring her/him your love. In Jesus' name, amen

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will make wise decisions based on Christian teachings and be an independent thinker. Help her/him be concerned for others and care for her/his "neighbor." In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Troy, NY.

DAY 29

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have toys, games, books, and other stimulating activities around her/him to help develop her/his mind. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a faith community that takes seriously the spiritual journeys of children and provides nurturing care for them. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will learn good eating habits and have healthy foods available to her/him for meals and snacks. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have support around her/him when s/he has difficult experiences, such as the death of a loved one, failure, or health problems. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will develop a strong sense of self-worth and self-confidence, while also having empathy for the concerns of others. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will discover and nurture talents and gifts that serve her/him well for future schooling and work. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will choose a relationship partner carefully, learning to both care for another person and value her/his own self. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will remain connected to parents and caregivers so s/he feels supported in the role of adult. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN.

DAY 28

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that s/he may fall asleep to the comforting sounds of a lullaby, and that music will become a delightful and spiritual expression throughout her/his life. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. Surround her/him with loving, caring people who will watch over all s/he does. Watch over her/him and keep her/him safe throughout her/his day. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that an adult or sibling will take time to read a story to her/him just for fun. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. Watch over her/him on the bus, at school, and at home. Make these safe havens filled with loving, caring people who will keep her/him from harm. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. Give her/him teachers and friends who will protect her/him from evil and will help her/him make good choices this day. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. Help her/him make good decisions. Give her/him the wisdom to realize right from wrong. Help her/him to discern the path best for her/him to go. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. Strengthen her/his faith as s/he faces increased adult responsibilities and challenges. Help her/him to know your love and give her/him guidance to make a good life. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that s/he may find peace and harmony in her/his life through an abiding love of Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Grace Lutheran Church in Oswego, NY,

DAY 5

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that s/he, this tiny child, will see God's love in the face of all who care for her/him: parents, family, and other caregivers. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that her/his eyes be open to experience the glories of your creation. Help her/him know that God is great and God is good. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that s/he will have a loving family, good friends, and helpful teachers. Watch over them as they keep her/him safe. Guide them, protect them, love them. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that s/he will know your word. Help her/him to learn, understand, and ask questions about things s/he doesn't understand. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, while s/he changes in body and mind. Grant her/him wisdom during this time of rapid and confusing growth. Help her/him accept her/

himself as a gift from God each day. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS:

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that s/he will have the blessings of community. Every teen needs support on her/his winding journey to adulthood. May her/his church, school, neighborhood, and family be a blessing to her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that s/he will remember the values s/he was taught at home and church and to retain all those that keep her/him safe, kind, and growing in healthy directions. Help her/him face the future with curiosity, courage, and joy in this time of freedom and experimentation. May her/his choices be wise and serve your will. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. Be with her/him when s/he experiences sickness. Support her/him in times of sorrow and joy, loneliness and friendship, success and failure. Gracious God, give to her/him the courage and strength to make the right decisions as s/he journeys through this day. In Jesus name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Valley of Peace Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, MN.

DAY 6

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have loving parents and caregivers who help her/him start life with healthy relationships. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a safe home in which to live and grow. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have good first experiences of school and learning in that setting. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a sense of God's wonder and grace. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will see the value of being kind to friends who need a smile or act of thoughtfulness. May s/he sense that all people thrive when they experience compassion and empathy from other people. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have friends within a faith community that help her/him learn about being a good friend, serving others, and following Christ. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a sense of purpose in life, so s/he will make choices that serve a great future. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will find work opportunities that are challenging, meaningful, and provide adequate salary/benefits. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Cherish All Children staff and St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MN.

DAY 27

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will feel your loving care through the words and touch of loving caregivers. Guide everyone who comes in contact with her/him to bear witness to your tender and constant love. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be encouraged in her/his natural curiosity so s/he will soak up all of the wonder of your glorious world. Provide her/him with people who will nurture and support her/him in learning with all of her/his senses. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will feel the constancy of your love through the love and care of others in her/his life. Be with the adults in her/his life so that they will provide a strong sense of security and well being for her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be secure enough in her/his own value in your world that s/he will reach out in love to those children around her/him who need a friend or a kind word. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will know forgiveness and in turn offer forgiveness. Help her/him be an agent for peace in the turmoil of middle school relationships. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be motivated to look outside of her/himself and focus on the needs of those around her/him. Help her/him to find ways to share your hand of friendship. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a solid anchor of support in her/his life from which to venture out and try new things. Hold her/him close as s/he struggles and help her/him to see the value in struggle and the satisfaction of a struggle resolved. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23-25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will share your love with everyone s/he encounters. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Bethel Lutheran Church in Northfield, MN.

DAY 26

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a loving family that will support and guide her/him to grow in faith. Bless this amazing child with your grace and love. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will live in a caring and loving home where her/his needs are provided for her/him. May s/he be able to smile and play in a safe environment. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a great day of learning. I hope s/he will follow her/his heart and with that follow you. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he be safe from all harm and know your love and care from parents and teachers. Help her/him to see the wonder and joy of nature and teach her/him to care for all your creatures. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be safe as s/he grows and matures. Give her/him the abil-

ity to not give in to negative peer pressure which often comes at this age. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may find trust and wisdom in your presence. Keep her/him safe from harm and point her/him in your direction, Lord. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, as s/he begins a new journey in life, may college or work prepare her/him for the future you have planned. May s/he stay with you and keep faith through the rest of life. Bless her/him and keep her/him safe, healthy, and happy. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he is guided to her/his calling as s/he graduates from college, starts or continues in a job. May s/he find a job that not only satisfies and fulfills dreams, but that can also be done in your name and allow her/him to give back to the community. Help and guide her/him as s/he faces new beginnings. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by the youth of Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Olive, IL.

DAY 7

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he is cherished as your handiwork and brings her/his parents joy so that they will remember what a miracle they were given. Give her/him opportunities for exploration and nourishment for body and soul. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have positive interactions with other children and early intervention for any developmental problems. May this child know Jesus, who he is and how he loves us. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he has a safe school with teachers who are qualified, compassionate, and will encourage a life-long desire to learn. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be free of bullying, prejudice, violence, and fear. Ground this child in truth. Plant God's word in her/his heart and mind. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have strong, healthy

role models who help her/him stay strong in the faith and resist peer pressure and other temptations. Give her/his parents patience and the courage to say no. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have knowledge of your faithfulness and assurance that your steadfast love endures forever. Let her/him learn the satisfaction of a job well done. Give this child confidence to say no to peer pressure. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a direction in life and the ability to pursue it. Connect her/him to other believers as s/he transitions to an adult role in the church. Help her/him remember your teachings when looking for a life partner. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will stay connected with her/his family. May s/he find satisfaction in you, the only one who can always meet the heart's needs. Help her/him teach her/his children about Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Penfield, NY.

DAY 8

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may be cared for tenderly by those entrusted with her/his care. May this child know your love through the loving presence of the adults in her/his life. Grant her/him a peaceful night in Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he experience joy and wonder this day; and that s/he be surrounded by the love, patience, and care of her/his family, caregivers, and teachers. Grant her/him a peaceful night in Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may be excited about learning, play well with others, learn to respect others' boundaries, and experience acceptance by classmates. Grant her/him a peaceful night in Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he know stability and safety in her/his home, and that s/he develop a lifelong desire to learn and experience new things. Grant her/him a peaceful night in Jesus name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he demonstrate respect for others, receive respect in return, and honor the differences that make her/him unique and special. Grant her/him a peaceful night in Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may be an example of tolerance and acceptance of others, develop a desire to serve people in need, and show respect to the adults in her/his life. Grant her/him a peaceful night, in Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he grow in personal integrity and that s/he seek a future that makes use of the gifts you have given her/him and which brings honor to your name. Grant her/him a peaceful night, in Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he might be a faithful witness to Jesus, become a responsible citizen, and work for peace and justice in the world. Grant her/him a peaceful night, in Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg, OH.

DAY 25

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may be blessed with parents who understand the honor and privilege of raising one of your little ones, and they will have the support and assistance they need to carry out this responsibility. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may feel loved and nurtured in her/his home and that s/he may experience the joy of playing with other children and of learning about your wonderful creation. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may have caring, nurturing and wise teachers as the educational journey begins. Guide her/him to experience the joy of learning and the thrill of acquiring new knowledge and skills. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may experience joy in learning and discovering her/his special talents and gifts. May s/he be blessed with nurturing parents and teachers to encourage and support this growth and development in her/his life. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be comfortable making friends and reaching out to other children. Help her/him to be sensitive to the needs of others who may be lonely or hurting. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will realize that her/his gifts come from you. Keep her/him from pride and self-centeredness and create a desire in her/him to use those gifts to serve you and others. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will acknowledge the need for your guidance. Help her/him to seek your will in making decisions about further education and career choices. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will feel your love drawing her/him into a closer relationship with you. May her/his choice of a life partner be made prayerfully with love and commitment. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN.

DAY 24

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have parents and caregivers who take the time to learn about raising children and how to best help them grow into healthy, well-adjusted adults. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have good learning experiences in preparation for school. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have good healthcare available to her/him, provided by people who have time to care. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will learn good boundaries and practices so that s/he is protected from becoming a victim or a perpetrator. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will attend church regularly and develop a strong, lasting faith rooted in the conviction that God loves and values her/him. May members of the congregation acknowledge this child's presence at worship and encourage her/him to participate in the worship service. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have friends who provide positive support for healthy behaviors. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be involved in job training and schooling that will be of value to her/his future. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have access to good healthcare and be willing to develop healthy habits for life. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Cherish All Children staff and St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MN.

DAY 9

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have care givers who are reliable and loving. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have safe environments as s/he begins to explore new physical spaces. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have caring teachers as s/he enters school. I pray that s/he will make new friends and learn to read. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have parents who encourage curiosity and learning in their children. May s/he have a stable home and freedom from bullies and emotional trauma. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have wise adults who know how to set limits for children, yet provide love and understanding. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have the ability to say "no" when needed and will have trusted adults with whom s/he can discuss sexual issues. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have your guidance as s/he begins to make decisions about more education and her/his life work. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have wisdom in sexual relationships with others as s/he chooses a life partner. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by University Lutheran Church of Hope in Minneapolis, MN.

DAY 10

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he would be safe from all harm. When s/he is hungry, wet, hurting, or afraid, provide a caring adult to offer her/him the food, comfort, or peace that s/he needs to grow strong in the knowledge of your love for her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a day filled with the wonder and joy of new discoveries and understanding of the world around her/him. Keep her/him safe from those who would harm her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Watch over this child as s/he ventures forth to explore the world you created. Open her/his eyes to the wonder and beauty that surrounds us. Bring caring and loving adults into her/his life so s/he may grow up feeling secure and confident. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Dear Jesus, thank you for hearing my prayer. Thank you for loving children, even when your disciples thought they were a bother. Today I pray for _____, that s/he and all children will be safe. I ask that you send people to help children when they are not safe. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer today for _____. I ask that you guide her/his thoughts, words, and deeds so the words of her/his mouth and the meditations of her/his heart are a blessing to others and her/himself. May s/he ever be attuned to your grace and love. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that you will help her/him navigate through the difficult choices s/he must make today and take responsibility for her/his decisions. Especially guide her/him in choices affecting safety. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. As s/he moves into the broader world and shakes off the iron shackles of peer expectations, I pray that s/he seeks your wisdom and truth to develop strong self-esteem nurture her/his own individuality. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will surround her/himself with and be influenced by positive, God-fearing friends. I pray s/he becomes a positive influence on others as well. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by the Board of Directors of Cherish All Children.

DAY 23

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have loving parents, good nutrition and medical care, clean water, and disease prevention programs so that s/he can develop a healthy body and mind. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have people to guide her/him as s/he starts to prepare for school. Keep her/him safe as s/he plays outdoors and begins to help with tasks around home. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have good teachers and materials for education so s/he can learn the things s/he needs to know to face our ever-changing world. Help her/him to know and love you. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have loving parents, good nutrition, and medical/dental care to help her/him continue to grow strong and healthy. Provide good church experiences and mentors for support. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have caring adults in her/his who can help her/him feel

self-confident and work through any problems at school or home. Help her/him learn enough about the internet to remain safe and guard her/his identity as s/he matures sexually, so s/he is not exploited. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have good spiritual leaders and mentors as s/he prepares for higher education and adulthood. Keep her/him safe from sexual exploitation and difficult relationships. Grant her/him wisdom in using social media and choosing friends. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will stay in touch with the people who love her/him and find new friends who keep her/his best interests at heart. Help her/him make good decisions when choosing food, living quarters, clothing, medical care and other things s/he needs. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have safe transportation and people who will answer her/his questions as s/he travels. Keep her/him safe from sexual exploitation and difficult relationships. Help her/him build a successful career and healthy family. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Troy, NY.

DAY 22

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. You have given the world this child to love and care for, and I pray that s/he will be safe for the entire day. May loving arms of parents and others enfold her/him during the day and you watch over her/him during the night. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will stay healthy and secure within the care of loving parents or caregivers. May s/he have adequate food, shelter, and protection from situations that may harm her/him. May God's gift of baptism keep her/him close in the loving arms of God for an entire life. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will always know your love and that others in the family and at school will cherish her/him through many acts of kindness and love. May her/his learning environment be one that helps her/him to flourish, feel safe, and enjoy each day. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that when s/he is sad or has hurt feelings, s/he may come to you. Help her/him to see your kindness and love so the broken walls of her/his heart may be rebuilt. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for the plan you have for _____. Help her/him recognize her/his strengths and talents so s/he can better serve you. I am glad I can bring these concerns to you. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray that _____ may remain open to caring and loving conversations with her/his parents/guardians. Give her/him the confidence to speak and be heard but also to listen and hear. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray that your wisdom guides _____ as s/he makes decisions about a life partner. Help her/him see the big picture for the future. May s/he be treated with honor and respect in all relationships. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Help _____ as s/he looks for balance in her/his life. Provide her/him with good friends and mentors who will encourage her/him in all aspects of her/his life. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN.

DAY 11

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may always feel the warmth of God's love and the caring arms of loving parents/guardians. May this love provide confidence to try new things as s/he grows and develops. In Jesus' name, amen

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may grow in peace and love as s/he discovers the world opening up around her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, a child whose life is full of new experiences. Please be with this child as s/he begins to learn more about the world. So many new things are different and scary. Help her/him to feel safe, protected from harm and secure in your loving arms. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will know your loving presence in the voices and deeds of those who care for her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, Thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. May your presence be her/his guide with the decisions s/he faces today. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, Thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that you may guide her/him as s/he faces decisions no teenager should have to face. Keep all teenagers safe and help them feel your loving arms around them. In Jesus' name, amen

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will communicate with family members, especially if there has been a "falling out." May s/he have their support and know that God is always there for all of them. I pray for reconciliation. In Jesus' name, amen

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that as s/he grows in independence, s/he remembers God's love as her/his strength. In Jesus' name, amen

Today's prayers were provided by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo, NY.

DAY 12

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have good nutrition which helps her/him have a wonderful start to a healthy life. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will learn how to navigate out in the world in ways that are protective of her/his life. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have playmates who help her/him learn how to be a good friend. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will relish learning new activities to discover talents and interests. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will find mentors to nurture her/his inborn strengths to help her/him develop productive skills for a fulfilling adulthood of work and service. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have a sense of the ability to create a future for her/himself and teachers who will help her/him create that future. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will remain connected to a faith community for exploring spiritual questions, support, friendship, and service to God's world. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may find a life partner who is a good fit, respectful, is willing to learn and grow, and has good values that align with hers/his. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Cherish All Children staff and St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MN.

DAY 21

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will know your love for her/him through the care of those around her/him. I pray that all children realize they are the apple of your eye and you love each of them and consider them your own. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will look for opportunities to show love and caring to her/his family, friends, and playmates. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will know your presence as s/he goes to school. Give those s/he meets the ability and willingness to see her/him as created in your image. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will talk to you every day, sharing her/his fears, joys, and questions knowing that you hear every thought. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be safe from injury and enjoy the experience of participating in sporting events. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will pray for her friends, that they will open their hearts to you. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will remember you are always walking beside her/him during the highs and lows of her/his day. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will remember you are always with her/him, even when s/he has doubts and fears, keeping your promise and giving her/him the strength s/he needs. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Zion Lutheran Church in Brantwood, WI.

DAY 20

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be cherished by those who hold her/him. Every breath is a gift from your creative love. Bless the family that forms around her/him and inspire them to be truly thankful morning, noon, and night. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Let FUN be a part of this new day. Bless her/him as s/he welcomes new joys and exciting discoveries. May the glory of this morning's sunrise and the evening sunset bring her/him happiness. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. I entrust her/him into the caring and instructive hands of teachers and caregivers. Watch over her/him today and bless all children with a love for learning and a kind heart for caring. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. How quickly s/he is growing! Direct her/his enthusiasm for today. Guide her/his feet on safe pathways. Teach her/him the value of a friend and the precious gift of family. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____.

Teach me, O Lord, to set a healthy pace for the children. Teach me to be sensitive to her/his needs for activity and rest. Remind me to tell young teens that they are loved each day. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Guide her/his feet on safe pathways. Bless every decision with wisdom. Give peace in troubled times. Protect her/him in the car, classroom, and work environment. Help her/his family be a home base of love, support and grace. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Thank you for your ever-present Holy Spirit upon her/him today, on campus, at work, and where s/he will sleep tonight. Bless every new and exciting endeavor. Grant her/him patience in suffering, and a grateful heart for every joy. In Jesus name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Thank you for friends, family, and faith that continue to shape her/him. Give her/him peace today. Renew the joy of her/his salvation. Give her/him new dreams for the day. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers are provided by Community of Christ Lutheran Church in Whitehouse, OH.

DAY 13

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Thank you Lord for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ who is just beginning life's journey. Nurture and support her/him as s/he begins to discover your world and her/his own unique place in it. Help us encourage, cherish, and protect her/him. In Jesus name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Please surround her/him with supportive and loving hands to protect, guide, and pick her/him up when s/he stumbles. Help us encourage, cherish, and protect her/him. In Jesus name, amen

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ as s/he discovers more about the world every day, both good and bad. Help her/him learn the difference and comfort her/him in the knowledge that s/he is loved and cherished. In Jesus name, amen

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ who is growing so quickly, both inside and out. Give her/him loving friends and family to support her/him to do her/his best, as well as love and forgiveness when s/he makes mistakes. In Jesus name, amen

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ who is beginning to leave child-

hood behind. Help her/him believe in her/his own worth and abilities, while remembering that her/his family and other caring adults in her/his life still love her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that you would help me listen with an open heart as s/he begins to navigate the world. May I and others guide her/him with patience and understanding, respecting her/his choices and giving her/him room as s/he spreads her/his wings. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ who is entering adulthood, that s/he may trust in your guidance as s/he explores vocations and the person s/he is becoming. Keep her/him safe as s/he steps out into your larger world. Give her/him faithful, friendly companions for life's journey. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, now exploring the world as a young adult. I rejoice in her/his independence and wisdom. Guide her/him when making decisions about work and family. Keep her/him grounded in faith and community. In Jesus name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN.

DAY 14

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be nurtured in the Christian faith while at home. That her/his family will find support from her/his church family and together celebrate this young one's faith journey. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that while s/he is growing and discovering new wonders in life, s/he will also begin to find joy in hearing the stories of our Savior's birth, life, death, and resurrection. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will know you are with her/him through all things. In her/his fears and joys and every moment in-between, help her/him know you are there with her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be free to discover who s/he is and not have to compete or worry about attention. Please hold her/him in your embrace, and let her/him focus on being a beloved child of you. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____,

that s/he will recognize your presence daily and feel a true sense of your love. Guard her/him as s/he encounters pressures from peers, parents, or even school leadership. Guard her/his 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 s/he will enjoy discovering who s/he truly is! Give her/him moments of grace while s/he is still learning and help her/him learn to find moments of inner happiness. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ as s/he heads for new life journeys. Sustain her/him as s/he reaches out to share her/his faith and gifts with the world. Make her/him aware of her/his life's calling and how s/he will share the Gospel in a living way. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

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

Today's prayers were provided by Peace Lutheran Church in Menomonie, WI.

DAY 19

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Your precious little one is so full of purity, joy, playfulness, and smiles. Protect her/his innocence. Keep her/him safe and surrounded with loving caregivers. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. I ask that you watch over this child as s/he grows. Help me to keep her/him safe. I pray s/he will love you as you love her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may be given a loving safe home. Keep her/him safe when exploring a bigger world. Provide loving people to help her/him grow into the child you created her/him to be. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. This is a time of more awareness of who s/he is becoming. Provide her/him with good role models. Help her/him choose friends with good values. Help parents, caregivers and teachers listen to her/him and give loving guidance. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will find joy and comfort knowing you are there with

her/him, through all the ups and downs of life. Give her/him courage to stand up for her/himself and speak out against bullying. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be surrounded by trustworthy people who will listen and not judge. Give her/him wisdom and courage to not give-in to negative peer pressure. Give her/him motivation to stay in school and graduate. Provide people to help her/him grow in faith. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will make wise decisions about her/his future. Help her/him be aware her/his sexuality is a gift from you, to be respected and cherished. Help her/him have clear boundaries and not tolerate any form of abuse. Help her/him know s/he can turn to you and others who love her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will know your love and acceptance. In times of discouragement or lack of direction, help her/him discern your path for her/him. May s/he be open to your leading and call in her/his life. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fulton, NY.

DAY 18

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be baptized into a faith community that supports her parents, caregivers, and family. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will know s/he is loved and cared for by family and friends. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have times of silly laughter and joy. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have her/his basic needs of caring family, food, shelter, and health care met. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will understand the value of good friends. May s/he have friends who are supportive, loyal, and helpful in choosing positive activities in and outside of school. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will find both discipline and joy in activities such as sports, music, journalism, drama, community service, and school work. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will learn to manage money well, with a good sense of how to save, spend, and share with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will have adequate income for housing that is safe and healthy. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Cherish All Children staff and St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MN.

DAY 15

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Gracious God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be loved and protected always. May her/his environment be safe and healthy. Bless her/his parents with wisdom, responsibility, and the skills to care for her/him well. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Gracious Lord, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Watch over her/him for safety, good health, and a good environment to grow in your love. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Gracious Lord, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be surrounded by trustworthy people of faith to show her/him your love and to nurture her/him in faith. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Gracious Lord, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Watch over her/him for safety, good health, and good examples to teach her/him about your loving kindness. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Help her/him know your presence in her/his life. Guide the choices that s/he makes and nurture the desire to do well in her/his life. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Gracious Lord, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may learn how to discern between good and bad choices and lead her/him to grow in maturity and wisdom. Raise up good mentors to guide her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Gracious Lord, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Encircle her/him with your love and protection that s/he may be safe from all evil and danger. Let her/him know your presence always and learn to trust in you. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Gracious Lord, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Help her/him to realize your presence in her/his daily life and to desire to be in closer relationship to you. Guide all her/his choices and protect her/him from all evil. Give her/him people of mature faith to befriend and encourage her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Grace Lutheran Church of Oswego, NY.

DAY 16

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Dear Jesus, hear my prayer for ____ today. Inspire good care-givers and keep her/him safe. Bless her/his development as new pathways build in her/his brain. Let the love s/he experiences reflect the love you have for all children. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Dear God, today I pray for _____. Give her/him a day of seeing beauty in your creation. Keep her/him safe from accidents and from those who may harm her/him. Give her/his parents/care-takers patience for any challenges s/he may bring. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer for _____. Watch over this child as s/he sees a world in which violence seems to thrive. Whether on the playground, in the family, or on television, do not let what s/he sees or hears cause her/him to see violence as acceptable. Keep her/him safe from anyone who would harm her/him. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Gracious God, I pray that you and _____ will become closer today. Bless the learning s/he has today. Give her/him healthy play. Keep her/him safe, and when a threat appears, bring caring people to her/his side to provide protection. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Dear Jesus, today I am praying for _____. You know how hard middle school can be. In the midst of the emotional turmoil, the thoughtless classmates, and the surprising changes to her/his body, bring your peace and the assurance of your love. Keep her/him safe from any who would take advantage of her/him. In your name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Dear God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. S/he will be making a number of choices today. Let your Holy Spirit inspire her/him to make decisions that will grow faith, self-respect, and healthy friendships. Let her/his choices contribute to her/his safety and to that of her/his peers. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, I pray for ____ today. S/he is taking greater responsibility for her/his life and needs your guidance. Bring wise and compassionate people to her/him. Provide a caring community as home ties loosen. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Gracious God, thank you for hearing my prayer for _____. As s/he becomes more involved in work, keep her/him safe from harassment or from those who would use their positions of power to take advantage of her/him. Give her/him courage to do what needs to be done to be safe. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, IA.

DAY 17

AGES BIRTH – TWO YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. During the tenderest years, may s/he always be greeted by smiling faces that reflect the warm sunshine of your love. May caring hands always be ready to comfort with the calm embrace of your safekeeping. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES THREE – FIVE YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he will be surrounded by words that heal and stories that delight. May the readers in her/his life be plentiful and generous with their time. May her/his books brim with imagination and stir marvel for your world. In Jesus' name, amen.

KINDERGARTEN–SECOND GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. May s/he discover the world of learning in a secure, meaningful way. Lead her/him to a safe place after school every day, and let there be adults eager to hear about the day's adventures. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIRD – FIFTH GRADE

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ as s/he experiences the joy of play. May her/his days offer ample opportunities to walk, run, jump, stretch, crouch, climb, skip, swim, skate, swing, and sled across fields of dreams. In Jesus' name, amen.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. Oh, this can be a turbulent time! Bless her/him during these years of growth and change. Grant that s/he has the steadfast support and watchful attention from the adults in her/his life. In Jesus' name, amen.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he is surrounded by a circle of friends and caring communities. Inspire them to stand ready with sympathy and encouragement so that good decisions are made. May the certainty of your loving forgiveness remain present. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 18 – 22 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. With this exciting time of new horizons and freedoms come new demands and responsibilities. Guide _____ on her/his travels so that knowledge and experience will lay the foundation for a purposeful life. In Jesus' name, amen.

AGES 23 – 25 YEARS

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____. May s/he secure meaningful employment and live into her/his calling. May _____ meet others to journey with and create a life of joyful service for the common good. In Jesus' name, amen.

Today's prayers were provided by Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN.
