for Cherishing Our Children is a national Lutheran ministry of prayer, education, relationship-building, and action to prevent child sexual exploitation. We invite congregations to pray for each child in their midst, ages birth to 25, by having adults pray for assigned children every day.

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O God, do not keep silent;
be not quiet, O God, be not still.
See how your enemies are astir,
how your foes rear their heads.
With cunning they conspire
against your people;
They plot against those you cherish.
—Psalm 83:1-3 (NIV)

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

PRAYERS
for
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CHILDREN

BOOK II

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

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 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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**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 not 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.

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.

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

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 have a hunger for knowledge. Give her/him the ability to move through the maze of life! In Jesus’ name, amen.

**Third – Fifth Grade**
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.

**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 follow only the voices of those who love her/him. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**Middle School 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.

**Ages 18 – 22 Years**
Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that s/he will have a good conscience and be led by the presence of a loving Father. May he seek first your kingdom, 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.

**Ages 23 – 25 Years**
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.

**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 Good Shepherd 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 ______, 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 know that Jesus is with her/his 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.

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 ______, 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.

Day 29

Ages Birth – Two 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.

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 have a faith community that takes seriously the spiritual journeys of children and provides nurturing care for 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 choose a relationship partner carefully, learning to both care for another person and value her/his own self. 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.

Middle School Years
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.

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.

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 ____. 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 filed 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 ____, that her/his choices be wise and serve God’s will. In Jesus’ name, amen.

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 ____. 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.

Third – Fifth Grade
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 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 grow 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 ____, 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.

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.

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

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 share your love with everyone s/he encounters. In Jesus’ name, amen.

High School Years
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.

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 ability 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.

Ages 18 – 22 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 23 – 25 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.

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 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.

High School Years
Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may 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.

Ages 18 – 22 Years
Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____, that s/he may 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 may develop a lifelong desire to learn and experience new things. 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 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.

Ages Three – Five 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 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 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 have good learning experiences in preparation for school. 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.

Kindergarten–Second Grade
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.

Third – Fifth Grade
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 18 – 22 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.

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 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 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 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, hurt, or afraid, provide a caring adult to offer help. 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. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**Kindergarten–Second Grade**
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.

**Middle School Years**
Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for _____ 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 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 s/he will have good 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.

**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 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 _____ that s/he will have loving parents, 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 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.

**High School 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.

**Middle School Years**
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.

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**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.

**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.

**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 ____ 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.

**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.

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**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 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 18 – 22 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 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 look for opportunities to show love and caring to her/his family, friends, and playmates. 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 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 walking beside her/him during the highs and lows of her/his day. 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.

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 ____ 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 childhood 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.

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

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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 there with her/him through all things. In her/him you will experience 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.

Third – Fifth Grade
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 that there is no greater love than yours. 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 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.

Day 19

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 there with her/him through all things. In her/him you will experience 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.

Third – Fifth Grade
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 that there is no greater love than yours. 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 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.

High School Years
Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____, that s/he will be free to discover who s/he truly is and not have to compare 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.

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

Today’s prayers were provided by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fulton, NY.
Day 15

**Ages Birth – Two Years**
Loving 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 ____, that s/he will have times of silly laughter and joy. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**Kindergarten–Second Grade**
Gracious Lord, 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.

**Third – Fifth Grade**
Gracious Lord, 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.

**Middle School Years**
Gracious Lord, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. Help her/him know 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.

**High School Years**
Gracious Lord, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. Help her/him know your presence in her/his daily life and guide the choices that s/he makes and nurture the desire to do well in her/his life. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**Ages 18 – 22 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.

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

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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 know s/he is loved and cared for by family and friends. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**Third – Fifth Grade**
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.

**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 ____. Help her/him know your presence in her/his daily life and guide the choices that s/he makes and nurture the desire to do well in her/his life. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**Ages 18 – 22 Years**
Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. Help her/him know your presence in her/his daily life and guide the choices that s/he makes and nurture the desire to do well in her/his life. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**Ages 23 – 25 Years**
Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. Help her/him know your presence in her/his daily life and guide the choices that s/he makes and nurture the desire to do well in her/his life. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Today’s prayers were provided by Cherish All Children staff and St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Plymouth, MN.
**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 she/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 she/he may bring. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**Kindergarten–Second Grade**

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer for _____. Watch over this child as she/he sees a world in which violence seems to thrive. Whether on the playground, in the family, or on television, do not let what she/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 she/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 anyone 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 _____. She/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.

**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 ____. 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.

**Kindergarten–Second Grade**

Loving God, thank you for hearing my prayer. Today I pray for ____. May s/he 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.

**Third – Fifth Grade**

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

**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 Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls, IA.

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