

A photograph of three young girls from behind, hugging each other on a dirt path. The girl on the left has short, wavy brown hair and is wearing a light blue and white striped halter-neck top. The girl in the middle has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a blue and white striped long-sleeved shirt. The girl on the right has long, straight blonde hair and is wearing a dark blue and white striped dress. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a path.

# 24 Scriptures to Pray Over Children in Foster Care



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Children in foster care need the same things every other kid needs—shelter, safety, love, compassion, and guidance. They also need an abundance of patience and understanding from people who will love them unconditionally because they have, through no fault of their own, been through traumatic circumstances in their life. Pray the following scriptures over the many children in foster care, both in your own community and across the nation.

## Vulnerable Children

### **Lamentations 2:19**

*Rise during the night and cry out. Pour out your hearts like water to the Lord. Lift up your hands to him in prayer, pleading for your children, for in every street they are faint with hunger.*

## Vulnerable Families

### **Isaiah 58:10-12**

*Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring. Some of you will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as a builder of walls and a restorer of homes.*

## To Grow in Grace and Knowledge of God

### **2 Peter 3:18**

*Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.*

## To Find their Passions

### **Jeremiah 29:11-14**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you,” says the Lord. “I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.”*

## Health

### **James 5:16**

*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

*Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."*

## Protection from Evil

### **Psalms 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.*

## To Seek Education and Wise Counsel

### **James 1:5**

*If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.*

### **Proverbs 4:5-7**

*Get wisdom; develop good judgment. Don't forget my words or turn away from them. Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment.*

## Contentment

### **Philippians 4:12-13**

*I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

## To Know They Are Loved

### **1 John 4:10**

*This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.*

## For Peace and to Calm Anxious Hearts

### **Philippians 4:6**

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*

## To Know Their Gifts and Talents

### **1 Peter 4:10**

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*

## To Stand for What is Right and Just

### **Isaiah 1:17**

*Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.*

### **John 17:15**

*I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.*

### **Psalms 140:1-5**

*O Lord, rescue me from evil people. Protect me from those who are violent, those who plot evil in their hearts and stir up trouble all day long. Their tongues sting like a snake; the venom of a viper drips from their lips. O Lord, keep me out of the hands of the wicked. Protect me from those who are violent, for they are plotting against me. The proud have set a trap to catch me; they have stretched out a net; they have placed traps all along the way.*

## Godly Friendships

### **1 Samuel 23:16**

*Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God.*

## Sense of Belonging

### **Psalm 8:4-5**

*What are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.*

## Welcomed into the Family – Extended Family

### **Romans 12:10**

*Show family affection to one another with brotherly love. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

## Adults Who Care and Share the Gospel

### **Romans 10:14**

*But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?*

## Joy in Trials

### **Romans 15:13**

*I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

### **James 1:2-4**

*Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

## Courage

### **Joshua 1:9**

*This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

### **Psalm 118:6**

*The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?*



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