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Dear Friends,

Thank you for lifting up the youth at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in prayer. The Bible tells us about the power of prayer. Philippians 4:6 says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

For privacy reasons, we have changed the names in each prayer...but God knows exactly who they are and what they need!

Heavenly Father: Bryan will be transitioning from our on-grounds school to the public school in a few days. We celebrate with Bryan as he continues to make outstanding progress in high school. He is a bit apprehensive about meeting new students and being accepted in his new school. Father, please help Bryan find peace and solitude as he experiences times of uncertainty and some fear of the unknown. Guide him toward the right people for support and guidance Thank You for being Bryan's constant comforter. Amen.

Dear God: Carey is struggling with the upcoming anniversary of the death of her beloved grandmother. Although Carey is confident that she will be reunited with her grandmother someday, she misses her love and support. Lord, we pray that You will comfort Carey as she grieves during this difficult time. Give her assurance that she will be reunited with her grandmother... for we know life is eternal. In Your Holy Name, Amen.

Almighty God: We pray for Jesse as he begins reunification with his foster family. We pray for a smooth transition for both Jesse and his foster parents. Lord, help us to stop and take the time to bless Your children as you did. Transform us to see families and children the way that You see them—not defined by their mistakes or choices but defined by being made in Your image. We pray all of these things in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Dear Lord: We celebrate the many positive accomplishments of Joe and Daniel. They were successfully discharged from the Home last week and are on their way to independence. Please protect them as they are reunified with family members and keep them safe in their respective communities. We pray that Joe and Daniel continue their positive path and make good choices into adulthood. Lord, lead them to training and employment that will allow them to become independent and fulfilled. Thank You God, for taking care of Joe and Daniel. In Your Name we pray, *Amen*.

Almighty God: Theresa and Jamie have been focusing on some behavioral goals with their therapist. Although they have struggled the last few weeks, please let them know they can change their trajectory and move forward in more positive ways. Lord, we are thankful for the therapists on staff that help our youth with frequent struggles. We are grateful for their knowledge and expertise. We are also grateful that You have brought the therapist into the lives of Theresa and Jamie so that they may receive the counseling that they need for healing. Thank You, God, for Your on-going presence in the lives of Theresa and Jamie. Amen.