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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!

Dear Lord: As the new school semester begins, bless our students as they continue to grow in knowledge. Bless the teachers as they share their wisdom and that they may do their work with patience and love. Lord, we pray for our students. Give them persistence and the desire to follow through with their studies. Help them to be enthusiastic and creative as they learn new things. Motivate them to reach their potential in every setting. In Your Name we pray, *Amen*.

God, we pray for Catherine as she is reunited with her biological mother. They have been apart for many years. We ask You to give Catherine and her mother calm hearts as they navigate new beginnings. We ask You to provide a blanket of peace and tranquility for them and guide their minds away from unnecessary fear and worry. Thank You God for new beginnings and steering us toward a hopeful future. *Amen*

Almighty God: Claire is excited to take her upcoming Certified Nursing Assistant exam. Please remind Claire that You are with her always. Instill in Claire to be brave in the face of the unknown. She is nervous about taking the test but we know You will instill confidence in her as she begins a new chapter. We pray this in Your Name, *Amen*.

Dear Lord: We pray for Brody. He simply asks for a peaceful sleep. With all of his trials and tribulations, it's hard for him to find enough tranquility for adequate rest and relaxation. Lord, we ask You to remove all of Brody's worries and burdens for You are our Savior and Protector. We ask You to help Brody rest peacefully, knowing that he is in Your caring arms. Thank you, Lord, for caring! *Amen*

Dear God: Anthony's uncle passed away recently, and he is in a state of deep grief. His uncle was a beloved family member and one that Anthony could trust and rely on. We pray that through his uncle's death, Anthony will look to You for comfort and come to know You as his personal Savior. Help Anthony to remember the good times they had and that someday, they will be reunited. Until then, give Anthony comfort in knowing that he is loved and cared for. In Your Name we pray, *Amen*.

A Prayer for the New Year by John Wesley

"I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
You are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen."