

orphan care & bethesda children's home

Did you know...

- ...there are over 145 million orphans in the world?
- ...every year 12 million children become orphans?
- ...there are 500,000 children in foster care in the US?
- ...more than 1/3 of Americans have seriously considered adopting, but no more than 2% have adopted?

What you can do...

- ...ask God to give you a personal sense of responsibility for praying for orphans.
- ...ask Him to help you to see orphans with His eyes and His heart.
- ...pray for a specific way God can use you to make a difference in the life of an orphan.

Please use this guide to pray for orphans around the world and for the children at Bethesda Children's Home.

Pray that God, the Defender of the orphan, will rise up and secure justice for the oppressed.

Pray for the fatherless in your community. Ask the Lord to protect them, to care for them, to defend them and keep them safe.

Pray for families all over the world who have room in their homes and hearts for a fatherless child. Pray that they would consider adoption.

Pray for families who have members living with HIV and AIDS. Pray for the children orphaned by this disease.

Pray that God would raise up workers to care for orphans around the world.

Ask God to care for child-headed households. Pray that He would provide their needs, protect them and bring an adult alongside to help them.

Pray that God would be able to heal the hurts of the past and break down any walls that are guarding their hearts.

Pray that they would believe that they are worth loving, allow others to love them, and be able to truly love others.

Ask God to protect children affected by war and violent conflicts. Pray that the Lord will protect their vulnerable hearts and keep them safe.

Pray for financial provision for those who are caring for orphans, that they would be able to meet their physical, emotional & spiritual needs.

Pray specifically for any orphans you know by name. Pray for their health, safety, and shelter. Pray that they would learn that Jesus loves them.

Pray that they would see the experiences God has brought them through were for a purpose and that God will use those experiences for their good and His glory.

Pray that they would learn to trust God and that they themselves would learn to be trustworthy.

Pray that your church family would live out Proverbs 31:8, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute."

Pray that as they begin to know Jesus, that it would be genuinely at the heart level and not an attempt to please others.



"...to visit the orphans in their distress..." James 1:27