

April 2021

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 God:* We praise you! There has been a spiritual renewal on campus and our prayers were answered. We have 11 youths on campus who have committed to growing their faith and spirituality. We continue to pray that they become closer to You and Your ways. We pray that Your spirit continues to lead them to a life of love, joy, peace, and fulfillment. *Amen* 

*Almighty God*: We celebrate with Brandon as he learns new skills. He is excited to be learning bike repair skills taught by a volunteer at the Children's Home. God, we pray that Brandon finds joy and fulfillment in his newly found hobby. It is clear that You have a plan for him. Please continue to guide Brandon as he builds confidence and learns new skills that can help him lead a productive life. Thank you for the wonderful creative work you are doing in Brandon's life. Help him look forward to each new day. *Amen* 

*Dear Lord:* Jana is worried about going back to her home following May graduation. She has a new stepfather, and she is worried about how the family will adjust. Lord, please stand by Jana and her family as they reunite and have new beginnings. We ask You to create a spirit of determination, strength and stamina as Jana builds new family relationships. In Your name we pray, *Amen* 

*Dear God:* The girls in Wesley Home are assisting in leading worship services this month at Gress Chapel. We know You will fill them with Your spirit and guidance. Lord, help the girls find the confidence and power to lead meaningful and inspirational services. Lead them to relevant scripture passages that will resonate with other youth during worship. Help them select music that will add to the worship experience for all in attendance. We give thanks for the mercy, compassion, and kindness You show the Wesley girls as they spread Your goodness. In Your name we pray, *Amen* 

*Our Heavenly Father:* We pray for Curtis and Len as they both have court dates this month. They are losing sleep – wondering what their future holds and when they may be returning to their home communities. Both boys hope they will live with their respective mothers, but the decision is in the hands of the judge. God, we know you have a plan for Curtis and Len. Please alleviate their fears – for the unknown is frightening to them. We know, Lord, that You are the ultimate protector and will help navigate their paths as they enter a new phase as young adults. *Amen*