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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!*

*Father God:* Please lift up Jess, Dane, and Paul. As they approach their senior year, they have been struggling with future plans and are wondering whether to attend a two-year community college or attend a four- year university. We know that whether youth choose to attend a college, vocational school or to directly enter ~~into~~ the workforce, they will be faced with many challenges and new forks in the road. We know will steer them towards independence and the opportunities that will lead them closer to You. We pray they will feel the kind of joy that can only be born of the Spirit of God. *Amen*

*Dear Lord:* We celebrate God-given talent! Monica frequently sings during worship services at the Home and she has been blessed with a beautiful singing voice. Lord, please continue to be along Monica's side and give her confidence as she continues to learn about music and the joy it brings people of all ages. Thank you, Lord, for bringing beautiful music into the Home's Gress Chapel and thank you for Monica's beautiful singing voice. *Amen*

*Heavenly Father:* We pray for Sam as he has experienced bullying throughout his life, and he is trying to deal with the negativity. He knows he is safe at the Home and will experience an abundance of love and care. Bullying creates wounds that scar on the inside, but we believe in the healing You can bring. We pray those wounds would not fester and create lifelong problems. We pray that Sam will be protected from hurtful words and that actions would not be allowed to penetrate his being as he moves forward in life. Father, we pray for Sam to be healed by You so that he lives a life of kindness and tenderness to others. *Amen*

*Dear God:* Tonya has just arrived at the Children's Home. Before coming to the Home, she had a hard time making friends due to the fact that her family moved frequently. She has a hard time trusting her peers based on past experiences. We pray that Tonya makes lifelong friendships while at the Home. We pray that she is able to surround herself with good and trusting people. We pray for friendships that are destined by You, Lord and know that you have a plan for Tonya. *Amen*

*Dear Lord:* We celebrate with Len. He was hired at a local hardware store and now has his dream job. Lord, we thank You for the important plan You have in mind for Len. We pray that Len's new job brings him great joy and that he garners self-esteem in the process. We pray that this new job for Len creates additional opportunities down the road. Lord, please watch over Len as he takes new steps toward independence. In Your Name we pray, *Amen*