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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:* We celebrate the graduation of six students at our James E. Davis School. Please guide them in the right direction and continue to inspire them as they enter a more independent life. Father, help them see that they are worthy and the opportunities that lay before them are endless. In Your name we pray, *Amen*.

*Dear God:* We have three post-secondary scholarship recipients from our most recent graduation yesterday. May You continue to be the light in their life and to lift them up as they pursue new life skills. We pray for Your guidance as they embark on new adventures. God, give them the strength to overcome any new obstacles they may face. With You by their side, they can overcome anything. In Your Holy Name, *Amen*.

*Almighty God:* We celebrate with Janae as she approaches her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. She will be successfully discharged from the Home in a few weeks and will take with her a savings account from her work at a local restaurant. Janae has made outstanding progress while at the Home and we know, Lord, You placed our staff in her life to make a difference in

her everyday life. Thank You Lord, for giving Janae the tools to become more independent and self-confident. May You continue to be a presence in Janae's life as she enters a new chapter. In Your Name we pray, *Amen*.

*Dear Lord*: We pray for Jon, Ian and Landon as they explore career paths and what trade schools or other post-secondary training to pursue. Lord, they have some big decisions to make before graduating from our school. Please continue to lead them toward their interests and let them know that caring people are here to help them. *Amen*.

*Our Heavenly Father:* Maria is worried about being reunited with her mother after several years of separation. Her mother is working three jobs to make a life for their family. Maria is nervous to be entering a new school but looks forward to helping her mother. Lord, we know You have a plan for Maria and her family. Please erase any fear and anxiety from Maria as she reunites with her mother and other siblings. We pray for the entire family as they transition into a new life and a new community. You are a loving God. Thank You for loving Maria. In Your Name we pray, *Amen*.

*Dear God:* Josiah and Josh were so happy to receive guitars for Christmas. Thank You for making their wishes come true. As they find joy in learning to play the guitar, please give them patience and understanding as they enter into a new hobby. We know that You will let the music soothe their soul and worship You! In Your Name we pray, Amen.