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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 pray for our seven students who have earned a high school diploma and are graduating from our James E. Davis School this month. Surround our graduates with Your grace. Bless them with hope as they step into the future with open hearts. Guide them to use the knowledge, skills, and insights they have gained through their education to become good citizens. We ask boldly for You to equip them for every purpose You have for their lives, and give them peace, hope, and love as they move forward into adulthood. *Amen.*

*Almighty God:* Anna worries about the health of her grandparents. She has lived most of her life with them and loves her grandparents dearly. We ask that you surround them with Your love and comfort, easing their pain and bringing strength to their bodies. Please ease the angst that Anna faces daily. For we know, God, that You are the giver of life and health. We ask that Anna's grandparents receive the care they so desperately need. Please replace Anna's worry with hope and let her know that they are loved and cared for. Thank You, Lord, for Your compassion. *Amen.*

*Dear Lord:* Please keep our youth safe during Christmas vacation. Some youth will celebrate Christmas with their families while others will celebrate Christmas on our campus. Please fill their hearts with the spirit of Christmas. We pray that they experience an abundance of love during the holiday season. Christmas can sometimes be a challenging time for our youth based on past experiences. We pray that this Christmas is full of good memories for the youth as they celebrate Your birth. In Your Name we pray, *Amen.*

*Dear Lord:* We celebrate with Charlie and Kaitlyn as they receive accolades at their new part time community jobs. Their managers continue to praise their attendance, attitude, and knowledge while at work. Thank You, Lord, for giving them the confidence and self-motivation to find jobs they enjoy and excel in. Please continue to instill in Charlie and Kaitlyn the importance of working hard and saving money for the future. Thank You, Lord, for guiding their path in the most positive way. *Amen.*

*Dear Lord:* We celebrate with Gianna! She went to court and her judge ruled that she is no longer on probation. Gianna feels renewed. She wants to make better decisions and find new friends in her community who are a positive influence. We are grateful that Gianna has met her educational and behavioral goals. We praise You, Lord, for loving and caring for Gianna. In Your Name we pray, *Amen.*

A Prayer for ALL:

*Dear God:* During this Christmas season, help us to focus on the good we can do and to help others. Help us to realize that even small acts of kindness and determination can transform our world. In Your Name we pray, *Amen.*

From our Children's Home to your home...Wishing you peace, joy, and love! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Thank you for praying for our youth.*