## Home for Good Prayer (NI)



God of love - You set the lonely in families...

We thank You for families of all shapes and sizes: immediate or extended, nuclear or blended, related by blood or united by love.

We thank You for the gift of children: for their limitless potential, boundless energy and constant curiosity.

Above all, we thank You for adopting us into Your family and for joining us together with eternal bonds that go deeper than biology. May our experience of Your perfect love increase our prayerful commitment to families and children.

Gracious God, our loving Father **Hear us as we pray.** 

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God of compassion - You hear the cries of the widow and the orphan...

We pray for children and teenagers whose lives have been marked by trauma, neglect and loss. We pray that each one would know they are precious in Your sight.

We ask you to provide for those children who are still waiting for the safe, loving home they need.

We pray too for the birth families of children who no longer live with them. May they know the healing comfort of Your presence.

Gracious God, our loving Father **Hear us as we pray.** 

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God of faithfulness - You are the Father to the fatherless...

We give thanks for all who care for vulnerable children in their homes: for kinship carers, adoptive parents and foster carers. May they know Your companionship and provision.

We pray that You would prompt more individuals and families to open up their hearts and their homes to children who need a place to belong.

We pray for the many professionals who provide vital support to vulnerable children – including social workers, teachers and residential staff. We ask that You would bless them in their work.

We remember all those who make decisions about children's lives. Grant them Your wisdom and compassion.

Gracious God, our loving Father **Hear us as we pray.** 

God of justice – You call Your people to take up the cause of vulnerable children...

We give thanks for the many churches across Northern Ireland who have responded to this call. We pray that more churches would catch this vision and play an active part in caring for vulnerable children.

We pray for our own church – that, as Your people in this place, we would be a welcoming and supportive community for vulnerable children and for those who care for them.

We pray for the work of *Home for Good* in Northern Ireland and across the UK. We pray particularly for the team in Northern Ireland, that You would guide and direct their paths. We ask that the ministry of *Home for Good* would bear much fruit – fruit that will last.

Gracious God, our loving Father **Hear us as we pray.** 

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Almighty God - You are loving, compassionate, faithful and just...

We bring these prayers before you in the name of the one who taught us to call you our Father: our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

Amen.

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