

Prayer ideas

We would like to thank 24-7 Prayer for creating these Adoption Sunday prayers:



Church leader reads this prayer - Congregation says words together in bold:

Through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, **We are adopted into God's family.**

We are children of God and joint heirs with Christ. **We are sons and daughters of the Almighty.**

God gave His only Son as our sacrifice that we might have eternal life. **We cry out to God saying Abba, Father.**

Nothing can separate us from God's love and His purpose for us. **We are created in His image.**

We are more than conquerors because of Christ. **Through Him, we have victory.**

We received the Spirit of adoption, the assurance of our inheritance. **For we are the children of God and have been adopted into His family.**

Father, you knew us before we were born. **And you chose us to be your children.**

Father, you faithfully watch over and protect us. **Your plan for our lives gives us hope and a future.**

AMEN

Prayer Activity

Invite the congregation to hold a Lego brick in their hand. Hold it and pray for all those **children** who enter the care system every day. Pray that they will not only find a house but find a home too. Pray that their fear will turn into hope.

Pray for **professionals**, pray for wisdom and guidance in their work. Pray that God will guide their decisions and provide resources to improve the care system. Pray that they are filled with hope.

Pray for the **families** who have adopted children, are fostering children or who are thinking of adopting or fostering a child. Pray that God would really bless these families. Pray that the right children will be welcomed into the right homes.

Pray for the **Church**. Pray that the church can be known as a home for children in the care system. Pray that the church will be known for its prayerful people, practical support and creating a welcoming environment for vulnerable children and their families.

Invite the congregation to respond. Ask them to take their Lego brick and walk to the front of the church. One by one instruct the congregation to place their bricks on the ground to begin the foundations of a house.

Say a prayer over the congregation about the Church being a foundation and a safe place for vulnerable children and their families.

Finish with reading Ephesians 2:19-22 (MSG) or (NIV) if you'd prefer.

¹⁹⁻²² That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

