

A month of prayer

We know prayer changes things, and Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) needs your prayers every day. By using this four-week prayer guide, your church, Sunday School class, small group or youth group can pray everyday for a different need. The guide gives you insight into the heartache and struggles of those we care for 24/7. Download the digital guide at bchfamily.org/prayer.



SUNDAY Pray for our cottage parents and foster parents who give so much, providing care for children who have been abused and neglected. Pray God will continue to call Christian couples to serve as cottage parents and foster parents and that they will respond to His calling.

MONDAY Pray for two of our youth who live at Mills Home. They have both begun college this year. One is studying culinary arts and dreams of becoming a chef. Pray for all the children as they attend school. Many are attending brand new schools and are working hard to find their place.

TUESDAY Pray for a young girl who is battling cancer. Pray for her doctors. Pray for the incredible foster family who is caring for her sacrificially. Pray for all of our foster parents who care for children who are facing a myriad of needs: physical, emotional, mental, and health.

WEDNESDAY Pray our children will experience peaceful dreams. Pray that God will take away the intrusive thoughts and memories of hurtful pasts that haunt them. Pray that the children will rest well and wake to experience all the joy that every child deserves.

THURSDAY Pray for the safety of our campers and their chiefs/mentors at Cameron Boys Camp and Camp Duncan for Girls. Pray that good memories will be created around their campsites, on educational trips, and as they tackle their day-to-day experiences as they seek healing from hurts in their lives.

FRIDAY Pray for the families who are waiting to adopt a child. Pray for the families who have adopted a child and need guidance. Pray for the three babies we took into care from the hospital who were born addicted to drugs and need loving homes.

SATURDAY Pray for the young ladies who are no longer at Camp Duncan for Girls. Pray that they will remember the lessons they learned and that they stay close to the Lord. Pray that they partner with their parents and find positive Christians and Christian peer groups who will support them.

SUNDAY Pray for BCH foster parents who want to adopt. Pray that the adoption process through the Department of Social Services and the court systems will be more intentional in securing permanency quickly for the foster children in BCH's care so they can be connected with their "forever families."

MONDAY Pray for the sisters who had to be removed from their home. The house was a local drug house, endangering the girls. Pray for the eight-year-old boy who carries significant trauma from the horrific physical abuse he received from his family.

TUESDAY Pray for birth moms who choose adoption for their children through BCH's Christian Adoption Services. They often return to their communities with little to no resources or support. Pray God leads them to BCH's Emmanuel Home for a safe home while building the community they need.

WEDNESDAY Pray for the oldest teenager at Good Shepherd Children's Home as she completes her last year of school before going to university. Pray as she seeks God's will for direction in deciding her course of studies and future career plans.

THURSDAY Pray for boys living at Cameron Boys Camp who are dealing with the loss of their biological parents, whether it is because of drug issues, death, the loss of their parental rights, or those that have just chosen to not be a part of their son's life. Pray they experience healing and God's love through Camp.

FRIDAY Pray for the staff and volunteers who serve our families and are the hands and feet of Jesus at Greater Vision in Thomasville. Pray for the churches and donors who support this outreach, enabling Greater Vision to provide for the needs of families struggling to achieve self-sufficiency.

SATURDAY Pray for a 70-year-old widower in Madison County who is in need of home modifications to accommodate his wheelchair. Pray for the 65-year-old amputee who needs a wheelchair ramp constructed at his home in Greensboro. Pray NCBAM can find volunteers to help bridge these needs.

SUNDAY Pray for our wilderness campers to grow with the Lord. Pray they learn that past habits and choices are not as fulfilling as God's plans and desires for their lives. Pray for "God encounters" while they face the challenges of living in His creation 24/7 at camp and on wilderness trips.

MONDAY Pray for the child at Truett Home who has experienced a tremendous loss and needs assurance that God loves her. Pray for the boy at Drake Cottage who is struggling to accept not living at home because his family's situation is unsafe.

TUESDAY Pray that the Lord will provide more foster husband and wives who have a heart for older children. There is a great need for placements for older elementary-age children and teens. Pray for families to open the lives and homes up to fostering sibling placements.

WEDNESDAY Pray for the young women who serve the children and teens at Good Shepherd Children's Home, Mae Home, and Westmoreland Home in Guatemala. Pray that God will give them the strength and energy to provide the daily care and love the children in these homes need and deserve.

THURSDAY Pray additional partner agencies will join Greater Vision in Kinston. Partners are vital for strengthening community outreach efforts to struggling families. Pray for the staff and volunteers as the busy holiday season begins. Pray for "divine encounters" where Jesus can be shared and lives changed.

FRIDAY Pray for one resident who lives at the Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities home in Marshville. The holiday season is hard for him with few family members visiting. Pray for another resident in the men's home in Winston. His uncle, who he was very close to, passed away suddenly.

SATURDAY Pray for the boy who came to know Christ as his Savior at Cameron Boys Camp. Pray that his walk with Christ grows and strengthens. Pray that the camper will be a light to his family, opening their lives to the saving power of Jesus.

SUNDAY Pray for the child who recently lost her mother to a drug overdose and for the sibling group who came to live at Broyhill Home in Clyde due to their parents being sent to jail for selling and distributing drugs. Pray for the cottage parents and staff serving these children at this difficult time.

MONDAY Pray for the students at Western Carolina University who rely on BCH's HOMEBASE College Ministry for stability and to assist them because they have no family members to help. Pray the students will have the support and resources they need to succeed and be able to graduate.

TUESDAY Pray for our new chief in training at Cameron Boys Camp. Pray that his heart, mind, and soul begin to be prepared as he serves the boys. Pray for more chiefs/mentors to come so more boys can be served. Pray for the chiefs who are at Camp now, serving and ministering to the boys in the woods 24/7.

WEDNESDAY Pray for the children of Good Shepherd Children's Homes in Guatemala. Many of the children have special medical challenges that need treatment. Pray the staff can connect with the best medical treatment for them and that God will provide the resources needed to provide that treatment.

THURSDAY Pray for a special needs adult at Mercer Home who has been struggling with his health – falling and problems with his gate. Many tests are being done. He was prescribed a walker to assist him. Pray he will continue to be active. The falls have made him nervous and hesitant about activities.

FRIDAY Pray for a 75-year-old man in Raleigh recovering from hip surgery who is in need of a wheelchair ramp and a 97-year-old lady living alone in Charlotte. Pray for a 75-year-old who is confined to a wheelchair and is immobile on the left side. She needs grab bars installed in her bathroom and shower.

SATURDAY Pray foster parents will have wisdom, patience, and adequate resources to navigate many challenging behaviors and needs due to trauma their foster children have previously experienced. Children come into their care from many hurtful and often terrifying circumstances.