

PRAYER

*Father, we are all Your
adopted children, through the
power of the Incarnation of
Your most beloved Son, Jesus
Christ.*

*Bless those children who have
been received into new
families, that they may
experience the love that You
have shown us which
surpasses even the love of a
mother
for her child.*

*Invoking the intercession of
St. Joseph,
foster father of Jesus, we
pray that the Lord will bless
all who travel upon the path
of adoption.
Amen.*



Works of Mercy

CORPORAL

1. Feed the Hungry Mt 25:35
2. Give Drink to the Thirsty Mt 25:35
3. Clothe the Naked Mt 25:36
4. Shelter the Homeless Mt 25:35
5. Visit the Sick Mt 25:36
6. Visit the Imprisoned Mt 25:35
7. Bury the Dead Mt 25:40

SPIRITUAL

1. Instruct the Uninformed Mt 16:15
2. Counsel the Doubtful Jn 14:27
3. Admonish Sinners Lk 15:7
4. Bear Wrongs Patiently Lk 6:27
5. Forgive Offenses Mt 6:12
6. Comfort the Sorrowful Mt 11:28
7. Pray for the Living and the Dead Jn 17:24

***No one person can do everything,
but everyone can do something.***

ADOPTION and FOSTER CARE



CHURCH TEACHING

Pope St. John Paul II Address to Adoptive Families

Adopting children, regarding and treating them as one's own children, means recognizing that the relationship between parents and children is not measured only by genetic standards. Procreative love is first and foremost a gift of self. There is a form of procreation' which occurs through acceptance, concern and devotion. The resulting relationship is so intimate and enduring that it is in no way inferior to one based on a biological connection. When this is also juridically protected, as it is in adoption, in a family united by the stable bond of marriage, it assures the child that peaceful atmosphere and that paternal and maternal love which he needs for his full human development.

ADOPTION

Everyone's situation is unique and personal. It's important to prayerfully consider your options and to talk with professionals who can help you navigate through possible choices and supportive resources.

Historically, adoptions have been "closed." This meant the identities of both the adoptive parents and the birth parents remained confidential. There was no contact or exchange of information, and adoption records were permanently sealed. Today, "open" adoption is more common. This means birth parents and adoptive parents can decide together the type and frequency of contact they want to have once the adoption is final.



FOSTER CARE

Foster Care is a protective service provided to children in custody of the Department of Children and Family Services. It provides substitute, temporary care for a planned period of time when a child must be separated from his or her own parents or relatives. Foster parents provide for the daily needs and care of the child, creating a family-like environment for the child, offering supervision, discipline, guidance and nurturing.

RESOURCES and IDEAS

Catholic Charities Adoption Services
adoptnola.com 504-885-1141
4200 S. I-10 Service Rd., W. Ste 124, Met

Foster Care in Louisiana
<https://dcfs.louisiana.gov/page/374>

NOLA Archdiocese Respect Life Office
<https://nolacatholic.org/adoption-foster-care>

November—Adoption Awareness Month
nationaladoptionawarenessmonth.com

<https://lifetimefoundation.org/>

Watch the adoption documentary
I Lived on Parker Avenue
<https://www.ilivedonparkerave.com/>

Write a letter to the editor or post on social media about adoption blessings

Read an adoption story as a family

Volunteer with CASA to support children in foster care

Ask a local library to showcase adoption positive books

Encourage your place of employment to offer adoption benefits to employees

Send a gift card to Catholic Charities Adoption Services to assist birth families

Pray the Adoption Novena...
www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2016/upload/16-rfp-novena-to-st-joseph-secured.pdf

Pray for these children awaiting adoption from our FOSTER CARE system in Louisiana... adoptuskids.org/states/la/browse.aspx