



## Please Join Us in Prayer for Malikhi



Quiet and independent, 13-year-old Malikhi spends lots of time alone. He enjoys listening to music, playing board games, and being around animals.

Because of past experiences, Malikhi has some difficulty developing trust with his caregivers. It takes time for him to open up about his feelings. He also struggles with connecting with his peers and maintaining friendships. This is one of the reasons he often spends time alone.

Sometimes, Malikhi misinterprets information given to him and then has a hard time comprehending and processing his emotions. His case team is getting him help with this and with his classes in school.

Malikhi really wants to be accepted and to be part of a family. Yet, he would do best in a home with no other children. He needs adoptive parents committed to helping him successfully cope with his cognitive and developmental needs. He deserves to be part of an understanding family that can provide him with structure, guidance, and unconditional love, so he can heal and grow into a responsible, independent, and happy adult. Please pray that he finds parents able and willing to open their hearts to him.

**Almighty God, you gave your only Son into the care of a human family:**

Please open the hearts of your people to all children in foster care, especially **Malikhi**; send parents to love them, communities to guide them, and your Holy Spirit to nurture them into the people you want them to be. This we ask through your Son,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.

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# Fostering in Faith

Each of us has a story. It's our own, yet it is richly interwoven with relationships and connections. Those connections can turn our personal stories into a larger, shared story. We create our story by giving voice to our shared human experience - by praying in solidarity for our brothers and sisters, by connecting our empathy to action, and by sharing our resources, our gifts, and ourselves with each other.

## Pray ...

This loving ministry provides a way for congregations, faith communities, and individuals to pray for children in need of adoptive families. We know that most congregations have within their fellowship persons to whom God has given a spirit for intercessory prayer.

**You may be one of those special people.**

## Connect ...

By reaching out to local congregations and church leaders, Saint Francis hopes to build relationships. By connecting, we can collaborate in creative ministries, address local needs, and share insights and experience. **Together, let's begin "our" story.**

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