

## Please Join Us in Prayer for Marlie



Bright and spunky, 7-year-old Marlie loves to color, sing, and dance. If you ask her what she's good at, she'll cheerfully respond, "Everything."

Marlie feels especially close to her younger brother who's being adopted separately. His adoptive family has expressed willingness for the two to remain in relationship. Such contact would be good for both children. Marlie hasn't said much about the type of forever family she prefers; she just wants a home where she is loved.

She says she simply hopes for a two-parent household with a "mom an a dad" and a dog – because she loves animals. Marlie also wants to stay in Kansas so she can keep seeing her brother.

Marlie is both kind and compassionate, especially with those she feels a connection to. She needs a stable home environment with access to therapy. Anyone interested in adopting Marlie would benefit from trauma informed care training and the willingness to dedicate time towards building a bond with Marlie. They won't be disappointed, because she's such a wonderful little person.

Please pray that Marlie will find the family she needs to blossom and grow into the person God intends for her to be.

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 **Marlie**; 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.** 

To invite Saint Francis Ministries to your congregation, email **foundation@st-francis.org** or call (800) 898-4896.

