



Twelve-year-old Talen is a bundle of sweet energy, who enjoys interacting with others. He likes to build his vocabulary and is proud of himself when he learns new words.

For fun, Talen loves to color, work on puzzles, play Minecraft, and watch "Paw Patrol." In school, his favorit subject is science – largely because he likes to look at the fish in the classroom.

He like animals and helping others, so it makes sense that he wants to be either a zookeeper or a fireman when he grows up. When asked what makes him laugh, Talen said, "Tickles."

Talen has no relatives available for placement, so he needs a forever family that he can call his own. The best option for him would be a family that understands autism. He needs patient parents and a family willing and able to work with him and love him unconditionally.

Talen is a wonderful child who just needs a place to belong, where he feels safe and loved. Please pray that he finds a family perfectly suited for 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 **Talen**; 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.

