



## ISRAEL

Loving, caring, and kind, Israel (13) wants to be a zookeeper when he grows up and says, "Gorillas are my favorite." He's most proud of his creative work, especially with pipe cleaners.

He enjoys arts and crafts and drawing pictures. He also likes swimming, especially jumping off the diving board at the pool. Funny jokes and noises make him laugh.

Israel is part of a large sibling set, and although he desperately wants a family to call his own, he hopes to maintain some connection with his biological brothers and sisters. Right now, he struggles with the possibility of losing contact with them.

Israel has some health issues that will require ongoing support, so he needs a patient and understanding family that will love him unconditionally and ensure his needs are met. He thrives in structured environments with lots of routine.

This young man needs and wants a forever family. He's been through a lot and deserves a place to belong. Please pray for Israel.

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 Israel;  
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.

# 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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