



ELIAS

Animal lover Elias, 14, would love to be part of a farm family. Funny, outgoing, and sociable, he loves riding his bike, playing with Legos, swimming, and doing "cowboy stuff." He enjoys most outdoor activities.

Elias performs well in school, although at times he gets help from a para-educator. His favorite class is social studies. He also recently authored a poem that was published. Funny jokes make him laugh, and he enjoys making others smile. He would like to be an animal control officer when he grows up.

Elias needs a patient family with training in dealing with young people who have undergone trauma. He would thrive in a two-parent household with just a couple of kids. He hopes to find a family that lives on a farm. Please pray that Elias finds the adoptive family to nurture, guide, and love him unconditionally, so he can heal and grow into a happy, fulfilled adult.

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 Elias;
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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