

• For Christians to understand that we were once orphans who have now been welcomed into the family of God as sons and daughters.

"God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons." – Galatians 4:4-5

- For families to open their homes specifically to older children waiting in the foster care system. "God sets the lonely in families." – Psalm 68:6
- For orphan care ministries to be created in local churches.

 Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 19:14
- For children in foster care who may feel unloved and unwanted by their earthly families to know deeply the love
 of their Heavenly Father.

"I pray that you... may have power... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." – Ephesians 3:17-19

- For families to consider being a voice for the voiceless by fostering or adopting.
 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute." Proverbs 31:8
- For God to be seen and known as the Father of the fatherless.

 "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling." Psalm 68:5
- For Christians to take seriously our opportunity to reflect God's character to the world.
 "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress."—James 1:27



