

# FOSTERING FORTNIGHT MORE THAN

We are so delighted to share our prayer resource, created in partnership between Home for Good and 24-7 prayer Ireland.

*More Than* is a 14-day prayer journey for fostering, a space to hold both hope and justice together as we lift up children and families.

As we enter the two weeks of Fostering Fortnight, our prayer is that this resource would gently guide and strengthen your time with God, helping us come together in intentional, hope-filled prayer.

Our heart behind this *More than* resource is rooted in *Ephesians 3v20* “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

We would love you to join us over these two weeks as we pray boldly and expectantly for children families- believing for belonging and breakthrough. Together, we hold onto the truth that God is still moving, still making a way, and still able to do immeasurably more than we could ever ask or imagine.

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**Ephesians 3:20**

**“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...”**

<p><b>DAY 1: More Than We See</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than we see, Lord, hold every child, every family in Your care.”</p>	<p><b>DAY 2: More Than Their Past</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than the past, Lord, rewrite every story with hope.”</p>	<p><b>DAY 3: More Than Crisis</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than crisis, Lord, bring restoration and hope.”</p>	<p><b>DAY 4: More Than Capacity</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than capacity, Lord, strengthen every home.”</p>
<p><b>DAY 5: More Than Decisions</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than decisions, Lord, guide with wisdom and peace.”</p>	<p><b>DAY 6: More Than Isolation</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than isolation, Lord, bring connection and care.”</p>	<p><b>DAY 7: More Than Shortage</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than shortage, Lord, raise up new homes.”</p>	<p><b>DAY 8: More Than a Statistic</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than numbers, Lord—see and restore every story.”</p>
<p><b>DAY 9: More Than a Place to Stay</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than stability, Lord—create true belonging.”</p>	<p><b>DAY 10: More Than Independence</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than independence, Lord—build lasting support and hope.”</p>	<p><b>DAY 11: More Than Systems</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than systems, Lord, bring unity and lasting change.”</p>	<p><b>Day 12: More Than Silence</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than silence, Lord, bring justice through us.”</p>
<p><b>Day 13: More Than We Notice</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “More than we notice, Lord—help us see and give thanks.”</p>	<p><b>Day 14: More Than We Can Imagine</b></p> <p><b>Response:</b> “Immeasurably more, Lord—bring hope and justice.”</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="591 1337 792 1406">  </div> <div data-bbox="826 1337 1079 1406">  </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	

### **DAY 1: *More Than We See***

**Reflection:** We often only see a snapshot of a child or family's life. But God sees the whole story: what has been, what is, and what could be. No child or family is defined by what is visible. Each one is known, held, and deeply loved.

**Prayer:** God, You see what we cannot. Where we notice only a moment, You hold the whole story. We lift each child entering care today - their fears, their needs, their unseen hopes. We lift each family living in isolation and overwhelm - their fears, their needs, their unseen hopes. Would You do more than we see? Bring protection, comfort, and a deep sense of being known. Surround them with people who reflect Your care.

### **DAY 2: *More Than Their Past***

**Reflection:** Past experiences can shape how a young person sees themselves. But God speaks a deeper truth - one of identity, dignity, and purpose. The past does not have the final word.

**Prayer:** God, You are the author of new beginnings. For every young person carrying pain, labels, or loss, would You speak a better story? Do more than their past would suggest. Bring healing, restore identity, and awaken hope for the future.

### **DAY 3: *More Than Crisis***

**Reflection:** Behind many care journeys is a family in crisis. What we see as breakdown, God sees as a place where restoration can begin.

**Prayer:** God, You are present in the hardest moments. We lift families under pressure, where relationships are strained and hope feels distant. Would You do more than crisis? Bring support, healing, and pathways toward restoration. Surround families with compassion and practical help.

### **DAY 4: *More Than Capacity***

**Reflection:** Foster carers often give beyond what feels sustainable. Yet God meets them not just at their limit, but beyond it.

**Prayer:** God, You see every act of care, every sleepless night, every quiet sacrifice. When capacity feels low, would You provide more than enough. Renew strength, restore joy, and sustain each household. Thank You for those who open their homes again and again, especially for those caring within families, often unseen. And where sibling groups need to stay together, would You raise up homes with room to welcome and hearts to receive. Be present with each carer in every moment, and let no need go unmet.

### **DAY 5: *More Than Decisions***

**Reflection:** Some roles, like those of social workers, carry immense responsibility. Decisions made daily shape lives and futures.

**Prayer:** God, We lift up social workers and all professionals, those navigating complexity and weighty choices. Would You do more than human wisdom allows? Bring clarity, discernment, and peace in every decision. Sustain them in compassion and resilience.

### **DAY 6: *More Than Isolation***

**Reflection:** Isolation can deepen hardship. But no one is meant to walk alone.

**Prayer:** God, for families feeling alone and overwhelmed, would You draw near. Do more than help them cope. Bring connection, community, and tangible support. Let no one remain unseen or unsupported.

### **DAY 7: *More Than Shortage***

**Reflection:** There is often a shortage of foster carers. In **Northern Ireland**, around **400** more fostering households are urgently needed. But God is not limited by numbers - He moves hearts."

**Prayer:** God, You know the need for safe, loving homes. Would You do more than fill gaps? Call and equip new carers. Stir compassion, courage, and generosity in unexpected places.

### **DAY 8: *More Than a Statistic***

**Reflection:** Behind every number is a name, a face, a story. This year across the UK, around **39,000** children will enter care for the first time, that's **107** children every day, One every 15 minutes. In conversations about the care system, it's easy to focus on figures and pressure. But no child is a statistic to God, they are fully known and deeply loved. Where systems can feel stretched and impersonal, God's attention is always personal and present. He does not deal in numbers, He meets individuals.

**Prayer:** God, You see each child beyond the labels and the data. Where we are tempted to generalise, help us to remember the one. We lift up every child represented in local statistics - each story, each need, each moment of uncertainty. Would You do more than what the numbers suggest? Bring provision where there is lack, attention where there is oversight, and care that is deeply personal.

### **DAY 9: *More Than a Place to Stay***

**Reflection:** A place to stay matters but every child needs more than a placement. More than safety, more than stability - they need to belong.

**Prayer:** God, You place the lonely in families. Would You do more than provide shelter? Create spaces of deep belonging, love, and acceptance. Let every child know they are wanted and valued.

### **DAY 10: *More Than Independence***

**Reflection:** Leaving care is a significant transition. Independence is important, but no one flourishes alone.

**Prayer:** God, we lift young people stepping into adulthood. Would You do more than prepare them to stand alone? Give them lasting relationships, opportunity, and hope. Surround them with support that continues beyond transition.

### **DAY 11: *More Than Systems***

**Reflection:** Many organisations, including the church, work tirelessly to support children and families. Yet transformation requires more than structures, it requires unity, vision, and grace.

**Prayer:** But You have called Your Church to be more than a system, to be a transforming presence, the vehicle through which Your change comes, Your love is revealed, and lives are restored. So stir us, Lord, awaken us to act. Move us beyond intention into obedience, beyond words into love in action. Send us into the spaces where we are needed most, and give us courage to step forward, to stand in the gap, and to partner with You in bringing lasting, transformational change.

### **Day 12: *More Than Silence***

**Reflection:** We see policies and decisions that shape lives. It can feel distant, like change happens somewhere else, by someone else but advocacy is an act of love. Using our voices to speak up for children and families is part of seeking justice. God cares deeply about how societies are shaped, how the vulnerable are protected, and how decisions are made. He is able to do more than silence, more than inaction - stirring courage, clarity, and influence.

**Prayer:** God, thank You that You are just and compassionate. We pray for those in authority, for wisdom, integrity, and a commitment to protecting the vulnerable. Give us courage to speak and to engage. Where there is silence, lead us into action. Where there is complexity, bring clarity. Where systems are failing, bring reform. Would You do more than we feel able to do? Use our voices, our churches, to bring about lasting change.

### **Day 13: *More Than We Notice***

**Reflection + Thanksgiving:** In the midst of need, it's easy to focus only on what's missing. But God is already at work - in quiet ways, unseen moments, and faithful people. There is more happening than we notice. More care. More provision. More hope. Gratitude helps us see it.

**Prayer:** God, thank You that You are already moving in ways we see and in ways we don't. Thank You for every volunteer, foster carer, kinship carer, adoptive parent and host. For every act of kindness, every safe home, every step toward healing. Thank You for moments of breakthrough, for resilience in children and young people, and for those who keep showing up with love. Would You do more than we notice? Open our eyes to recognise Your work. Grow gratitude in us that strengthens our faith.

### **DAY 14: *More Than We Can Imagine***

**Reflection:** We see a system in need of change. God sees the possibility of transformation. This journey ends where it began - with Him, the One who does immeasurably more.

**Prayer:** God, You are able to do far more than we ask or imagine. We place the whole care system into Your hands. Every child, every family, every worker, every decision. Would You bring justice where it is needed, restoration where there is brokenness, and hope that reshapes the future. Do more than we can imagine for this generation and the next.