

## PRAYING FOR YOUR CHILD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH FRIENDS

HEAVENLY FATHER...

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would choose his/her friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray. (Proverbs 12:26)

Surround \_\_\_\_\_ with friends who will sharpen him/her as iron sharpens iron. (Proverbs 27:17)

Let \_\_\_\_\_ flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, and let him/her enjoy the companionship of those who call on you out of a pure heart. (2 Timothy 2:22)

Bless and keep \_\_\_\_\_, so that he/she will not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. (Psalms 1:1)

Bless \_\_\_\_\_ with friends, and let him/her be a friend to the friendless, since "two are better than one . . . If one falls down, his friend can help him/her up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him/her up!" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

Shape \_\_\_\_\_ into a friend who loves at all times. (Proverbs 17:17)

Don't let \_\_\_\_\_ exclude him/her peers or participate in gossip, since a perverse person stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends. (Proverbs 16:28)

Let \_\_\_\_\_ seek friendship with you rather than with the world, remembering that anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes your enemy. (James 4:4)

Count \_\_\_\_\_ as one of your friends, Lord. Let him/her live according to your words in John 15:12-14, loving others as you have loved him ... obeying your commands ... and finding his/her security in the reality of your life-giving love.

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