



## Instructions

- All donated items must be new or unused. Please refer to the Packing Checklist for items we'll need for each age group.
- Donating packed bags is great! However, we will also pack bags together after Diocesan Annual Council at the Cathedral of St. Philip (November 10-11).
- We cannot donate bibles or prayer books (but encourage you to pray over the donated items if you would like).
- Gender neutral items are preferred but not necessary.

***Bags and items must be brought or delivered to the Cathedral of St. Philip by Friday, November 10.***

Donations of money can be made by scanning the QR code below or visiting [eycdioatl.org/firstnight](http://eycdioatl.org/firstnight). Checks can be mailed to the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta with "First Night" in the memo line. Cash donations will be used to stock unfinished bags for distribution to Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) offices across Middle and North Georgia.

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## Elementary (K-5th Grade) Bag Packing Checklist

- 14-16 inch backpack
- Non-footie pajamas
- Socks
- Hairbrush & toothbrush
- Stuffed animal
- Coloring book
- Reading book
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Small toy or puzzle (fidget sensory toys count!)

## A Prayer

For the 443,00 children without a family in the United States;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our 11,500+ children in Georgia's foster care system;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For siblings experiencing the trauma of being placed in separate homes;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For young people trying to heal from the effects of abuse or neglect;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For caseworkers, judges, attorneys, and all other advocates for vulnerable children;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all teachers, caregivers, and ministry workers serving children in foster care;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For biological parents or caregivers who are trapped in addiction, abuse, or poverty;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who open their hearts and their homes to the joy and challenge of fostering;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For parents who grieve saying goodbye to a child they've fostered;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For students who age out of the system without a family;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church, that we may be responsive to the needs of families;

Lord, hear our prayer.

For each child, each family, and until no one is without a loving home;

**Amen.**