**Becoming a Big Brother or Sister**

You call us your children, O God, and through grace and adoption you make us your own. Through the *birth (or adoption)* of a baby to *his* mother *and father, N.*  has become a big *brother.*  Help *him*  to be patient and gentle with *himself* and the baby as he learns to share *his* home, *his* parent(s), and *his* toys. Keep this new relationship in your watchful care, so that these children may become lifelong companions in friendship and faith; through Jesus, our Brother and Lord, we pray. Amen.

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