**Reaching Puberty**

Creator of Life, you have formed us in your image, male and female, and we are wonderfully made for the joy of human love. We thank you for this *girl, N,* whom you have brought to maturity. In the freedom of childhood *she* has come to this time, and *she* needs your grace and guidance for the responsibilities of adulthood. You have designed *her* days for love and for work, for sharing and for growing, for searching and for finding. Keep *her* safe throughout *her* life, and give *her* the courage to follow *her* heart, and walk in your ways; through Jesus, our true Companion in our journey to you. Amen.

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