

For **Graduating TCKs**

Dear God,

I knew this day was coming,  
but when I first held this child  
it seemed so far off.

I have prayed many prayers  
for (insert child's name)  
over \_\_\_\_\_  
and because of \_\_\_\_\_.

And now it is time to release them.

God, help me in the releasing.  
May I not be the worst version of myself  
either holding on too tightly  
or too loosely  
Because I am not ready.

Lord, thank you that they carry so many  
rich experiences, cultures, and people  
with them into the next phase of life.

Prepare me to walk with them from afar.  
Prepare me  
for the times I am too tired to listen,  
for the times I am unsure of how to guide and advise,  
for the times I want to rush in and need to restrain myself.

Thank you for bringing this child to my family.  
Thank you for adding their personality  
and interests to my life.  
Thank you for letting them taste that you are the  
God of the universe, and not just one country.

Go before them, behind them, with them.  
Protect them.  
Provide for them.  
Grow them.  
Keep them close to You.

Lord, help me in this releasing  
to trust myself to let go  
to trust them in the going  
and to trust You in the keeping of them.

Amen.