

A Prayer for Children:

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Dear Lord, like a loving father you welcome back your prodigal children. Like a loving mother, you nurture, protect, and provide for us. You have modeled what it means to be loving parents. Through our Baptism you have adopted us all into your family. We also thank you for the gift of our earthly parents and all that they have done for us. During this Thanksgiving season we thank you for all of your blessings so freely given to us, but we especially thank you for our families.

We pray today for children whose earthly family has failed them; hurting when they should have protected, ignoring when they should have provided, abusing when they should have nurtured, indifferent when they should have loved. We pray your special presence with these children as they seek to heal. May your Holy Spirit touch their lives and guide their caregivers, help them to demonstrate your love and power, and to offer hope for a better future.

We pray for healing and forgiveness so that broken families can be reunited. For families that cannot be reunited, we pray for other Christian families to step forward and provide a new safe and loving family for these children.

Sometimes we feel so helpless, Lord. It is easier to pretend that these hurting children don't exist or are very far away. Help us to open our eyes and our hearts and guide us to be part of your plan to make a difference in their lives.

Amen