

Child Abuse Prevention Prayers



Lord who loved the little children saying
"Let [them] come to me, and do not stop them,
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (Luke 18:16)
We come to you praying for the children of our community
who have been hurt by those who profess to love them
and failed by the system established to protect them.

Forgive us, we pray, for our own contributions to the brokenness of this world;
For our hesitancy to speak up for those who have no voice;
And for our sluggishness to act on behalf of those who cannot defend themselves.

Bind up those who bear the scars of our broken world in their bodies or in their hearts.
Give us courage to be advocates and peacemakers until the kingdom comes in fullness:
when the streets of this city
and the cities of this world
will at last be safe for children to play in. (Zechariah 8:5)
Amen.

We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide Church leaders as they promote justice and healing
for victims and survivors of abuse.

May all who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.

We pray that all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children
and young people.

May those who have been abused experience Christ's profound love for them
and God's healing grace.

We pray that all who provide help for the abused may act with wisdom and compassion
in their healing ministries.

We pray that God may grant those affected by abuse in any way the courage
to tell their story and seek healing.

Foster Care Awareness Prayers



We pray for the children who are coming into foster care right at this very moment.

We pray that they do not experience multiple disruptions, or move from foster home to foster home to foster home.

We pray that if the children have siblings in other foster homes, that they are able to stay in contact with each other.

We pray that God heals the trauma, pain, and profound damage that these children have been exposed to.

We pray that the judge, case workers, and those who decide the child's fate receive the wisdom they need in order to make the best decision that is in his/her best interest.

We pray that the child is able to form a healthy relationship with his/her case worker, and that the case worker is one that is loving, kind, compassionate, and understanding to his/her needs.

We pray for the social workers.

We pray that the lawmakers in each state make decisions that are best for the children, as well as for the foster parents.

We pray for those teens that have aged out of the foster care system.

We pray that the foster parents can be the hands, feet, voice, and heart of our loving God.

We pray for the biological children of the foster parents, that they are instruments of God's love, and that their hearts are open to their fellow foster sibling.

We pray that more people would choose to follow the path of becoming foster parents.

We pray for the birth parents and biological family members.

We pray that our churches hear the call to help children in foster care, and that they answer this call from God with grace and mercy.