

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

(Matthew 19:14)

And so, we come boldly before your throne of grace, bringing with us the neglected, abused, exploited and trafficked children of our world, carrying these precious lambs on our shoulders, and in our hearts. Father, we come to you, knowing that we will find mercy for these children, and an abundant supply of your grace for them, in their time of desperate need.

(Hebrews 4:16)

We pray for your protection for these vulnerable children today. We know that you defend the helpless and the fatherless, and you uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Father, we ask you to rescue weak and the needy children today, and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

(Psalm 82:3--4)

Father, you said, "Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise. I will protect them from those who malign them." Therefore, merciful God, we know that you will deliver the needy who cry out, and the afflicted who have no one to help. Hear and answer their cries for help, we pray.

(Psalm 12: 5 and Psalm 72:12)

We bind the evil spirits of greed and perversion that are fueling the exploitation of these innocent children. We declare that the covering of deception and darkness is stripped away from the predators who are harming our children. We declare that their plans, methods and actions are revealed to law enforcement, and that they will be arrested, prosecuted, and sentenced to the fullest extent of the law.

Lord of Hosts, we call for your righteous anger and judgement to be upon all those who will not repent and forsake this evil.

We call for angels to be dispatched for the deliverance and defense of these children. Lord, we pray for supernatural protection and safety for them, and for all those who are helping to rescue them from the snare of the fowler. Make them invisible to those seeking to harm them. Whisper in their ears to run and hide till danger has passed over them. Shelter them in the secret place beneath your wings. Cover them with the protecting power of Jesus' blood. (Psalm 91)

Father, we pray that you would fill the hearts and minds of these precious little ones with hope, faith, peace, courage and strength as they put their trust in you today. Shelter them in your loving arms, and give them the assurance that you will never leave them nor forsake them. Heal their bodies. Remove the pain and trauma of abuse from their souls. Help these children live the full and abundant life that you desire for them, and that Jesus came to give them. (John 10:10)

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!