

A group of five children, three girls and two boys, are standing outdoors on a dirt path. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. They are wearing white short-sleeved shirts and dark blue or black skirts or trousers. The girl on the far left has a red backpack. The girl in the middle has a yellow backpack. The girl on the far right has a blue backpack. The boy on the far left has a yellow backpack. The boy on the far right has a yellow backpack. The background is a lush green landscape with trees and a small building in the distance.

Prayers for Children's Protection



For Supernatural Protection

Dear Lord, Your Word is filled with accounts of miraculous protection. We claim that power for vulnerable children. Make your little ones invisible to people who seek to exploit them. Whisper in the ears of children to run and hid until the danger passes.

"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

- Psalm 82:3-4 (NIV)



For Safety in Hazardous Conditions

Lord, we know You love Your children, and we pray that when they must work, that You will protect their growing bodies. Please keep them free of injuries and toxins. Deliver them from oppressive bosses and hazardous conditions. Make it possible for children at risk to say in school.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

- Psalm 46:1 (NIV)



For Eradication of Child Exploitation

Dear Lord, Your Word calls us to hunger and thirst for righteousness – a righteousness that leads to compassion for the poor and a renewing of minds. Lead us to this kind of faith that works to make a better world for all your children.

"You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted ... so that mere early mortals will never again strike terror."

- Psalm 10:17-18 (NIV)

A young boy with a joyful expression is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. He is wearing a yellow long-sleeved shirt. In his arms, he holds a small, spotted goat. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with some foliage and a building. The right side of the image has an orange overlay containing text.

For An End to Child Labor

Lord, You are our provider, and we know all good things come from Your hand. Help families to find reliable incomes so children don't have to work. Let laws and cultural practices protect children from a childhood of abuse and suffering.

"Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise," says the Lord, "I will protect them from those who malign them."

- Psalm 12:5 (NIV)

A young boy with dark skin and short, curly hair is shown in profile, looking upwards with an expression of hope or prayer. He is wearing a purple collared shirt. His hands are raised in front of him, palms facing the chalkboard, in a gesture of prayer. The background is a chalkboard with some faint, illegible chalk markings. The right side of the image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange rectangle containing white text.

An End to Human Trafficking

Dear God, there are times when it is right – and righteous – to be angry. Let that righteous anger fuel action, Lord. Do not let it fade into complacency.

"Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless.

- Psalm 10::12 (NIV)



An End to Child Marriage

Lord, we echo the psalmist's confidence that You will deliver those who cry out to You for help. See to the needs of precious girls and boys vulnerable to child marriage or already trapped in its grasp. Hear and answer their cries for help. May cultures where child marriage is accepted and encouraged learn of the harm it causes to children and change these societies.

"For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help."

- Psalm 72:12 (NIV)



All Eyes to Be Opened About Child Exploitation

Dear Lord, Your Word tells us it is a sin to do nothing when it's in our power to help someone in need. Help us speak out against crimes against children. Prod us to act whenever we suspect that a child is in danger. Don't stop prompting us until we do the right thing.

"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed."

- Isaiah 1:17 (NIV)



For World Vision's Work to Protect Children

Prince of Peace, You know the challenges our brothers and sisters face in helping people and working for peace. We ask that You give grace to World Vision's staff to fulfill the responsibilities You've placed in their hands. Thank you for empowering them to be Your hands and feet.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

- Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.