

A Prayer for Our Children

Precious Lord,

We come before you today to lift up and to pray for the children of Denton County and of the world.

Lord, as mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, grandparents, cousins, and friends, we pray for the children we know, those children we love dearly, even when they track mud through the house with their muddy shoes.

We pray also for the children in Denton County who have no shoes.

We pray for our children who can never seem to get their dirty clothes in the designated laundry hamper...And we accept responsibility and pray for the children who wear the same dirty clothes because they have no option.

We pray for our children who seek and find a loving touch of comfort when they get bumps and bruises on the playground...And we seek to take responsibility to pray for and help the children who have learned not to cry when they are hurt because the crying might get them hurt even worse.

We pray for our children who excitedly tell us about their day over a healthy snack or supper...And we pray for the children who know that there is nobody waiting to hear their stories, the children who fix their own supper of sorts, or simply go to bed hungry time after time after time again.

Lord, we remember fondly our own children as we have tucked them in at night and looked down on angel faces sleeping in their beds...And we pray for the children who do not have a safe place or their own bed to sleep in.

Heavenly Father, we are so thankful for every kiss, hug and love that we received as children, and give to our own children...And we pray for the children who feel alone, and that the only touch they ever receive is that of being struck, slapped or shoved.

Father, we seek to share the responsibility for ALL children in Denton County. Please give us the courage, will and voices to stand up and speak up for all children so that one day the colors black and blue will only be two colors in their crayon box.

In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN