

# Prayer for Unaccompanied Children

God, we know you draw near to those who are in need, so let us meet you as we work to build a safer world for all children.

God, we know you speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, so, as your people, let us raise our voices and advocate the children whose cries have gone unheard.

God, you ask us to carry one another's burdens. So let us share the load with you by working to remove the heavy burdens placed on the shoulders of young children in need of protection and care.

God, let us remember that whatever we do for the least of these, we do it for you. Help us to offer the care, safeguarding, and support each child needs to thrive, trusting that when we do, we are doing it for you.

God, you have called us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Help us to continue aligning our prayers, actions, and resources in a way that brings about the safety, hope, and healing for children that we would desire in our own lives and in the lives of those we love.

Amen.