

A Prayer To THE GOD OF ALL CHILDREN

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O God of the children of Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India
O Israel, Iraq, and Iran, Jerusalem, and Jericho
O South and North Korea, Burundi, and Rwanda
O South Africa, South Carolina, San Francisco and San Antonio
Help us to love and respect and act now to protect them all.

O God of black and brown and white and albino children
and those all mixed together
O children who are rich and poor and in between
O children who speak English and Russian and Among and
Spanish and Chinese and Hebrew and Arabic and languages our
ears cannot discern
Help us to love and respect and act now to protect them all.

O God of the Child prodigy and child prostitute,
of the child of rapture and the child of rape
O Run or thrown away children who struggle every day
without parent or place or friend or future
Help us to love and respect and act now to protect them all.

O God of children who can walk and talk and hear
and see and sing and dance and jump and play and
of children who wish they could but can't
Of children who are loved and unloved, wanted and unwanted
Help us to love and respect and act now to protect them all.

O God of beggar, beaten, abused, neglected, homeless,
AIDS, drug, violence, and hunger-ravaged children,
O children who are emotionally and physically and mentally
fragile, and O children who rebel and ridicule, torment and taunt
Help us to love and respect and act now to protect them all.

O God of children of destiny and of despair, of war and of peace,
O disfigured, diseased, and dying children,
O children without hope and of children with hope to spare and to share
Help us to love and respect and act now to protect them all.

Now or Never! (PM)