

# O God of All Children

Let us remember all the poor babies and children who struggle to live and realize their God given potential in our own rich land and all around the world today. Let us commit to act to assure hope and justice for them all.

O God of the children of Somalia, Sudan, and Syria, of South Africa and South Carolina,  
Of Afghanistan and Pakistan, and of India, Iraq, Iran, and Israel  
Of the Congo and Chicago, of Darfur and Detroit  
Of Myanmar and Mississippi and Louisiana and Yemen  
*Help us to love and respect and protect them all.*

O God of Black and Brown and White and Albino children and those all mixed together,  
Of children who are rich and poor and in between,  
Of children who speak English and Russian and Hmong and Spanish and languages our ears  
cannot discern,  
*Help us to love and respect and protect them all.*

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

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

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