

Prayer for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

[Prayer may be inserted into the parish bulletin, prayed after weekday, Sunday or Holy Day Masses or prayed at any times the parish community gathers.]

**Lord God,
send your Holy Spirit
upon your people gathered before you.
Relieve the sufferings
of all who have been wounded
by the violence of sexual abuse.
Renew in your people
the firm resolve
to protect the weakest members of society,
especially our children.
Let us know your loving kindness
and help us to bring the healing and reconciliation
of your kingdom,
where you live and reign in union with the Son and
Holy Spirit
God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Sample Intercessions for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

[Intercessions may be inserted into the Universal Prayer at weekday, Sunday or Holy Day Masses or at any time the parish community gathers for prayer.]

- **For refuge against abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation or neglect of vulnerable adults, that God will place people in their lives to safeguard, monitor and preserve their human dignity and to walk with them on their journey, we pray to the Lord...**
- **For the dignity of every human life, in particular children and the vulnerable, that we will hold their welfare in high regard as children of God, we pray to the Lord...**
- **For all who are voiceless and defenseless, that God will open our hearts to our moral responsibility to enhance human dignity and protect human rights, to be the voice and the defense for the most vulnerable, we pray to the Lord...**
- **For the protection and safety of children all over the world, that by our works and just laws, we may help them live the full and abundant life God desires for them, we pray to the Lord...**
- **That the vulnerable in our society may be seen, heard, acknowledged and protected, and that the Holy Spirit will watch over them and shield them from any harm or wrongdoing, we pray to the Lord...**