

## **A Prayer for the Suffering Children of the World**

Lord, there are no words wide enough or deep enough to capture the enormity of the horrors and the grief of the children of this broken world. We cry out for your mercy.

For those children who grieve the death of loved ones, and for those who are lost and separated from family. In your mercy Lord, hear our prayer.

For those children who cry themselves to sleep night after night: hungry, thirsty, and afraid. In your mercy Lord, hear our prayer.

For those children who are injured and have no access to medical care to ease their pain or treat their wounds. In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

For those babies who are wrapped in tin foil, struggling to stay warm, to breathe, to live in the face of overwhelming odds. In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

For those children whose days and nights are consumed by fear, rather than filled with laughter, friends, and play. In your mercy Lord, hear our prayer.

Hear our cry for mercy for all the generations of the world who are suffering and afraid. May your kingdom come. May your will be done. In the name of Jesus, lover of the little children we pray. AMEN.

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