



ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AT HIGH RISK

SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2018

REMEMBERING THE LOST CHILD

PRAY FOR CHILDREN FORGOTTEN BY THE WORLD.

PRAYER OUTLINE

*“to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.” Isaiah 61:3*

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER: God desires to hear the prayers of His people. Who will cry out to our Heavenly Father for the lost child?

God loves children.

*“Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”
Matthew 18:3-4*

PRAYER PERSPECTIVE:

1. God loves the lost child far more than we do.
2. No child is forgotten by God.
3. As we pray, the Holy Spirit will guide us and give us a greater understanding into the heart of God.
4. It is God’s joy to answer the prayers of His people when they pray for His will to be done. He wants us to tell Him what is on our hearts.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND AFFIRMATION

*Arise, LORD! Lift up your hand, O God.
Do not forget the helpless. Psalm 10:12*

REFRAIN: Lord, in your mercy in hear our prayers.

PRAY FOR THE ABANDONED CHILD

Pray for the children **abandoned** both intentionally and by accident. Often they wander the streets alone and helpless.

- Pray for slum children from single-parent homes. The parent will work long hours to support the family, leaving the children left alone.
- Slum children may be left behind while the family travels 1000 miles to harvest the crop on the family land. The child is left to cope on its own during the month or more they are gone.
- Many children have been left at the train station in the morning but their parents never return for them.

REFRAIN: Lord, in your mercy in hear our prayers.

PRAY FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE KIDNAPPED

Pray for the children who have been **taken away** from their families.

- Infants are taken from their families to be sold through illegal adoption in other countries.
- Many children ages 8-14 are taken for the sex trade.
- Hundreds of children are kidnapped every month and sold for their organs. These are children who just disappear.

REFRAIN: Lord, in your mercy in hear our prayers.

PRAY FOR THE WAR ORPHAN

Pray for the children **torn from** their families by war.

- Many children are forced under the threat of death to become child soldiers.
- Children are orphaned by war. They flee for their lives and are separated from their families.
- Many children are so traumatized war and their lives are emotional shattered.

REFRAIN: Lord, in your mercy in hear our prayers.

PRAY FOR THE AIDS ORPHAN

Hundreds of thousands of children have **lost their parents** to AIDS.

- The AIDS orphan has lost the stability of a home and parents.
- Many AIDS orphans are HIV-positive and know they will die in a few months or years.
- The AIDS orphan suffers from malnutrition and is very susceptible to common illnesses.

REFRAIN: Lord, in your mercy in hear our prayers.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR CHILDHOOD

Many children are forced into **early parenthood** by default or neglect.

- Because their parents work long hours, the older sister (6-10) must care for her younger siblings. She cannot go to school or play with her friends.
- Many slum children are not taught to read or write. They suffer from a lack of education.
- In some countries, young children live in prison with their incarcerated mothers. These children experience the harsh conditions

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SEEK OUT THE LOST CHILD

“Truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.”
Matthew 18:13-14

Roblealto’s mission is to care for the children of Costa Rica who are in critical situations and to provide them with support, intervention, and Christian love. Roblealto cares for 900 children in their four childcare and family development centers. These children are at social risk or in an emergency situation due to issues such as the imprisonment of a parent, abuse, neglect, and homelessness. Roblealto includes the entire family, providing them tools to better communicate with one another, manage crisis, escape addiction and resist the pull of child labor.

Roblealto staff members request your prayers in the following areas:

- Pray staff will have faith, hope and wisdom to see beyond the circumstances children and families are found in and to believe in what God can do in spite of them.
- Pray staff will be the hands and feet of Jesus to the population we serve and continue witnessing to the Costa Rica government, donors and volunteers what the Lord can do when He is the center of any good deed.
- Pray staff will remain united despite differences, as one body serving the Almighty together.

PRAY FOR THE FOUND CHILD

Children **found and told of the hope of the gospel** face challenges as they deal with the loss they have experienced.

- Kihira is 10 years old. She was removed from her home by the National Child Welfare Institute and is being cared for at Roblealto. Kihira and her siblings were neglected, experiencing a severe lack of hygiene and presenting problems in language skills and cognitive development. Thankfully, her parents are willing to receive family treatment from Roblealto and regain custody of their children.
- Jeydan is 8 years old and lives at the Roblealto temporary care facility. He was removed from his home due his mother and step-father's drug addiction. Jeydan's father is homeless and has not been involved in his life. One major struggle for Jeydan is dealing appropriately with frustration. He has witnessed excessive violence in his home and responds to difficulty with anger against those more vulnerable than himself. Jeydan's grandmother desires to learn how best to help him and have him live with her.



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