



# CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2020

## *Prayer*

Gracious God,  
you love and care for all of your  
children,  
especially the smallest and most  
vulnerable.  
We entrust to you the lives of children  
and adults at risk  
who have been sexually abused,  
and whose trust and innocence have  
been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain  
and to take responsibility for those  
whose lives have been broken.  
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by  
those wounded by abuse,  
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace  
communities and families will find  
understanding and support,  
so that now and in the future  
their wounds may be healed  
and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now  
upon our children,  
giving them the inner strength, peace  
and resilience  
to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God  
forever and ever.

Amen