

# Children's Prayers.

Welcome everyone.

May you find hope, peace, joy and love here today.

Come, let us worship God.

Dear God,

Your world is an awesome place,  
Full of wonders and surprises.

Help us to understand and remember

All the reasons we have to be joyful

And help us to make your world a better place.

Amen.



Lord,

We pray for the world, for those who need help.

Guide our leaders and help everyone to work for peace.

Help us to act with wisdom and love, like Jesus,  
and to live in harmony. Amen.

Lord,

We pray for our community,  
for those who are struggling,  
please give them strength and support.

Help us to help those who don't have very much,  
by sharing what we have.

We pray for those who are sick,  
may your loving presence and healing power be with them.

Bring to them caring doctors and nurses,  
to help them with the skills of medicine.

We pray for people who are sad.

Help us to say the right words  
and to be kind in our actions, and show them we care.

Amen.

## **You once were a kid, like me**

Jesus,

In your life here on earth, you once were a kid, like me.  
I wonder if you kicked a ball, scored goals, or climbed a tree?  
Did you play with friends, sometimes argue, ever get in a fight?  
Did you tell a fib, forget your chores or did you always do what's right?  
Did you eat all of your vegetables – ever leave some on your plate?  
Did you always listen to your mum, were you ever running late?  
I wonder if you got told off like I do now and then.  
I wonder what you did for fun when you were six or ten.

If you came to my house now, and were a kid like me,  
I wonder what you'd like to do and what you'd like to see.  
I'd show you my favourite toy, and all my favourite places,  
We could hang out in my tree-hut and pull some funny faces.  
I'd take you to the park – even let you ride my bike,  
We could stop off for an ice-cream – what flavour would you like?  
I'd let you borrow all my books, I'd share my chips with you.  
Perhaps a game on X-Box is what you'd really like to do?  
Would you come to school with me? I think that would be great.  
I'd introduce you to the teacher and of course to all my mates.  
Do you know your nine times tables? You could sit by me...  
And I'd pick you for my team for the field games in P.E.

Jesus, I know that you are with me, when I'm doing all these things  
I pray you'll always stay with me, whatever my life brings.  
I know you understand me, you 'get' just how I feel,  
Please help me remember this, help me to 'keep it real'.

Amen.



Loving Jesus,

In your life here on earth, you were a child, like me.  
You knew the challenges and joys of being a kid.  
You played, ran, climbed trees. You laughed, cried, scraped knees.  
You had the love and life, strength and security of family.  
I pray for my family and for all families.  
I pray that as each family comes together for Christmas celebrations, we all  
will put you at the heart of our Christmas.  
I pray that your limitless love will be remembered and shared.  
Help us in our family to learn to give as well as receive,  
Help us to share the tasks that have to be done,  
to participate and contribute honestly,  
fun and delight in the special times we share as a family.  
Amen.