



Praying as families for children who are exploited.

Day 4

Children aged 0-14 make up nearly two billion of the global population, comprising about one-third of humanity. Unfortunately, due to their vulnerability, children are subjected to various forms of abuse worldwide. Child trafficking, a widespread issue, involves the sale of children for nefarious purposes driven by the darkest desires of the human heart. Moreover, the media often exploits and targets children, reflecting a sinister strategy to corrupt future generations.

God's profound concern for children is evident in the biblical narrative when Jesus rebuked his disciples for hindering children from approaching him. Mark 10:14 emphasizes Jesus's assertion that the Kingdom of God belongs to children as well, urging adults to embrace childlike simplicity in their faith. Given Jesus's high regard for children, it's reasonable to assume his indignation and sorrow regarding their exploitation and abuse.

The exploitation of children, whether through forced labor, sexual abuse, or for commercial gain, deeply grieves the heart of God. Pedophiles prey on innocent children for their own gratification, while media conglomerates target young minds with harmful content, contributing to the destruction of childhood innocence. Disturbingly, instances of exploitation also occur within the church community, with some ministers and individuals entrusted with children's care perpetrating abuse.

Regrettably, even parents sometimes exploit their children by prioritizing personal ambitions for academic or career success over the child's well-being. Such exploitation, whether intentional or unwitting, necessitates repentance and forgiveness. The sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross extends

to all pained children enduring exploitation, underscoring the urgency of prayer and action to protect and uplift them.

Let us frequently pray for these vulnerable children and for ourselves, asking for forgiveness for any role we may have played in perpetuating exploitation. May we strive to be channels of blessing rather than exploiters, committed to safeguarding and nurturing the well-being of children in our midst.

LET US PRAY

Lord Jesus who knows our children from their mother's womb, you know what is happening to our children through the selfishness and the evils of the adult world. We repent as a family and as a church if we have at any time acted in ways that have amounted to exploiting our children or to have neglected to act in keeping our children away from media content that makes them gullible. Please help us to change and show us the way out. Help us to become like children to receive your kingdom. Today we pray for families where the children are abused or exploited, and their homes are not a safe place for them. We need your intervention and your help for us to save these exploited little ones. Protect them and save them through all the rescue work that is happening. Please protect and safeguard our children and help us as a body of Christ to be sensitive of their needs and be a great blessing to them. In Jesus name we pray AMEN.

