

Prayer for December 4, 2022

Today the focus of our prayer for America is children.

In 2016 there was an estimated 40.3 million people in modern slavery. At least 1 in every 4 were children. By all indications, these numbers have grown.

In schools, bookstores, and libraries across this country, children are exposed to drag-queen story hours.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children states that in 2021 they received reports of child sex trafficking from all 50 states, Washington DC, and Puerto Rico.

At least 1 in 10 children will be sexual abused by the time they are 18.

A large majority of girls and boys report having watched pornography online during adolescence, and sexual violence appears in 1 in 8 video titles presented to first-time viewers of 3 mainstream pornography websites.

In Philadelphia an elementary school forced 5th-graders to celebrate "Black communism" and simulate a Black Power rally.

An elementary school in Cupertino, CA, forced 1st-graders to "deconstruct" their racial and sexual identities and then rank themselves according to their "power and privilege."

These few facts along with a tidal wave of others make it abundantly clear that children are increasingly the victims of demonic attacks.

Please join me in praying for children:

Father in Heaven, we praise You that regardless of what we see happening all around us You remain loving, kind, merciful, and sovereign. You tell us in Psalm 68:5 that You are "the Father of the fatherless" and in Matthew 19:14 not to hinder little children from coming to You, so we know that You have a special concern for precious children. Today we come to You with heavy hearts for children. We realize that You know much more than we do how Satan is assaulting youth in appalling ways. You see all the evil schemes, and we implore You to expose and foil the plans

of those who want to confuse, hurt, and exploit children and even murder them for their body parts. We need Your guidance on how to protect and rescue those too young and vulnerable to fight for themselves. Please help us resist the urge to ignore the attacks on children.

We see public schools, social media, and entertainment outlets such as Disney succeeding in pulling youth away from You and Your perfect guidelines for human flourishing. We ask You to help the people and organizations that are trying to advocate for and protect children, including pro-life pregnancy centers, the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, Christian teachers in public schools, homeschool parents, and those who attend school board meetings to try to slow the rapidly encroaching evil.

We implore You to help children who have drug-addicted, incarcerated, and mentally ill or distracted parents. We pray that You will help parents prioritize their children and not abdicate their responsibilities to others, including the state.

Please help us and others in this country to find ways to advocate for children and to try to protect them from the unprecedented, relentless attacks that are driven by the forces of hell.

We give You humble thanks for faithfully hearing us and for graciously answering these petitions.

In the strong name of Jesus we pray,
Amen