

A LITANY FOR CHILDREN

Leader: Rescuer of the weak, father of the fatherless, voice in the wilderness

Group: We lift our voices to you on behalf of children. We pray:

Leader: For those whose laughter tickles our ears

Group: And for those whose sobs go unheard

Leader: For those who count the days 'til Santa rewards the "nice"

Group: And for those who dread Christmas morning's empty chill

Leader: For fussy eaters who hide their peas

Group: And for bellies full of hunger

Leader: For scary trips to the dentist

Group: And for unrelenting toothaches

Leader: For backpacks filled with markers and mid-day snacks

Group: And for outgrown sneakers filled with holes and hurting feet

Leader: For those who dream big dreams

Group: And for those whose hopes go unfulfilled

Leader: For grins of joy

Group: And stares of shame

Leader: Open our ears to the voices of children

Group: And our eyes to your solutions.

All: We pray. Amen.

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