



National Committee for Professional Standards

Prayers of the Faithful - Child Protection Sunday (11 September 2016)

Gracious God you are with our children and communities today and as such we pray

1. For the Church leaders, especially Pope Francis, Bishop and Leaders of Religious Congregations and all entrusted with the care of the Church, that they will continue to help build stronger faith communities that will promote the safety of minors and vulnerable adults. Let us pray to the Lord

2. That true and lasting peace and reconciliation will come to all whose lives have been traumatised through abuse and that they may have the courage to tell their story and to reach for healing.

Let us pray to the Lord

3. For Parents, mentors, teachers, coaches and all who work with children and young people, that they may look after them with the watchful eye of the shepherd.

Let us pray to the Lord

4. For our community, that we have the strength to stand up for victims, the humility to understand the wrongs of the past, the patience to stop and listen to children and the vulnerable and the greatness of heart that continues to grow out of this process.

Let us pray to the Lord

5. For the children in our parishes, may we all work together to ensure the happiness and confidence of every child and create an environment of safety and protection where children may flourish.

Let us pray to the Lord

6. That we, as members of the body of Christ, are all able to protect the dignity of all human life.

Let us pray to the Lord.