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We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and handfuls of dandelions,
who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key,
who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink and slurp their soup.

We pray for those who never get dessert,
who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
who watch their parents watch them die,
who can't find any bread to steal,
who don't have any rooms to clean up,
whose pictures aren't on anybody's dressers,
whose monsters are real.

We pray for children who want to be carried
and for those who must,
for those we give up on
and for those who don't get a second chance.
For those we smother with kindness
and for those who will grab the hand of anyone
kind enough to offer it



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Register your Blue Sunday events and learn what other places of worship
nationwide are doing: www.bluesunday.org

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Family Nurturing Center's vision is a world with safe children, thriving families and
nurturing communities.

All of our services are completely free --- families don't pay anything for our programs.
The following programs focus on prevention, how to recognize abuse and how to
report it.

Stewards of Children: Teaches adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to
child sexual abuse. It uses real people and real stories to show you how to protect
children.

The program is provided in person free to companies and places of worship as well as
professional, community and civic organizations. We also provide a free online version
of the 2-hour class.

Kids on the Block: Using life-size puppets, the program gives children from Pre-K
through fifth grade and teachers the tools they need to recognize and report child
abuse and bullying.

Teen Safety Matters: Educates and empowers students in grades 6-8 with information
and strategies to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to bullying,
cyberbullying, all types of abuse, relationship abuse, digital dangers, exploitation, and
human trafficking.

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