

PRAY  
AND ACT  
FOR  
PEACE



## Let the Children Come

Loving God,

Open my eyes

To see the girl who won't take off her coat  
because she is ashamed of the clothes underneath.

To see the bruises left by a human hand.

To see the wounds on a child's heart that will not easily heal.

Open my arms

When a teen needs comfort after a friend has betrayed them.

When a young parent just can't stand their baby's cries another minute.

When a boy needs someone to play ball with.

Open my mind

When I'd rather deny that violence in our families exists.

When I don't know how to help.

When a child asks, "Why does Mommy drink so much?"

Open my mouth

To scream, "STOP!" when stopping is needed.

To say, "I care." when caring is needed.

To seek help when help is needed.

Open my ears

To hear the cries of babies who need love and care.

To hear the stories of children tell about the monsters that visit at night.

To listen to the frustrated parent.

Open my heart

To care.

To notice.

To not forget.

Help me to be the eyes, arms, mind, mouth, ears, and heart of Jesus.

Grant me the courage to see, touch, think, say, hear, and care.

"Let the children come," Jesus said.

Will you be ready when they do?

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