



October 24, 2010

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Call to Worship

P: Jesus said, Let the little children come to me...

C: We come, each of us a child of God.

P: Jesus said, Do not stop them.

***C: We come to remove
obstacles before children.***

P: Jesus said, It is to such as these that the reign of God belongs.

C: We come to recognize that each child is already part of God's realm.

P: Jesus said, Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the reign of God as a little child will never enter it.

C: *We come to worship with the trust and vulnerability and dependence of a child.*

P: Come, let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

***O God, help us to recover
our hope for our children's
sake.***

***Help us to recover our
courage for our children's
sake.***

***Help us to recover our
discipline for our children's
sake.***

***Help us to recover our
ability to work together for
our children's sake.***

***Help us to recover
our values for
our children's sake.***

***Help us to recover
our faith in Thee
for our children's sake.***

AMEN.

Prayers



P: Let us join our
hearts in prayer,
responding in song:
Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord.
Thank you Lord,
I just want to thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of children—from
newborn to almost
grown, and for the sacred charge
to nurture
and protect them,
let us lift our hearts to God:

***C: Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord,
I just want to
thank you, Lord.***

P: For the love of parents,
a love shown in its perfect
form in God, let us pray:

***C: Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord,
I just want to
thank you, Lord.***

P: For the families who work hard
yet struggle every
day to make ends meet and
provide for their families,
let us pray:

***C: Bless them, Lord.
Bless them, Lord.
Bless them, Lord.
Help us be a blessing too.***

P: For the children who are
beaten down by poverty
and homelessness and hunger
and who suffer in innumerable
ways, let us pray:

***C: Bless them, Lord.
Bless them, Lord.
Bless them, Lord.
Help us be a blessing too.***

P: For the children who are
abused and neglected,
for those who are shuffled through
the foster care system
and those who wait longingly for
permanent families,
Let us pray:

***C: Love them, Lord.
Love them, Lord.
Love them, Lord.
Help us to love
all of them, too.***

P: For the children who are victims of violence and for the children who turn to the violence they see glorified in our culture, let us pray:

***C: Love them, Lord.
Love them, Lord.
Love them, Lord.
Help us to love
all of them, too.***

P: For the leaders of our nation
who have the choice
to stand for the powerful or the
powerless, the rich or the
poor, the corporations or the
children, let us pray:

***C: Guide them, Lord.
Guide them, Lord.
Guide them, Lord.
Help us work to
guide them too.***

P: For ourselves, that we find the vision, commitment, skills, and persistence to work for justice in our nation so that we truly leave no child behind.

***C: Guide us, Lord.
Guide us, Lord.
Guide us, Lord.
Help sustain and
guide us now.***

Blessing

P: Go forth recognizing each child as a blessing from God. Go forth knowing yourself to be blessed by God. Go forth to be a blessing in God's name.
AMEN.