



Blue Sunday Day of Prayer for Abused Children

Pebble in My Shoe

I have a pebble in my shoe
I don't know why it's there
Every step I take it hurts
It's more than I can bear

It came the day my parents left
I've had it for so long
I must be bad to have such luck
I wish I could be strong

I wonder if my family knows
I'm crippled and in pain
I heard that they're not coming back
I guess I am to blame

I looked for help to heal my pain
that holds me back each day
Many work to keep me safe
But still the pebble stayed

Then one day I prayed to God
Are you real and true?
Can you send someone to help?
I think...
I think...
He sent you

Praying for abused children is like taking pebbles from their shoes. J Magee, founder

Blue Sunday Prayer

Lord, thank you for our children,
For them we kneel and pray.

Help us teach them of
your kindness,
of your mercy and your way.

Help us show them of your love,
your strength and safety, too.

Help us show them who you are.
Help us treat them like you do.



**Let's pray, educate ourselves,
and volunteer for the children
of our nation until black and blue
are just colors in their crayon box.**

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Over 1600 children die annually from abuse

Most are under the age of three

Most are victims of neglect

Most are boys

Most deaths are caused by family members

Six million children become victims of abuse annually

Two-thirds of those in drug treatment reported being abused as a child

Eighty percent of the prison population were once in foster care

Within one year of aging out of foster care, 66% will be homeless, in jail or die

How can we do nothing?

Learn the Signs of Child Abuse

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The Child:
Shows sudden changes in behavior or school performance

Has not received help for medical problems brought to the parents' attention

Has learning problems that cannot be attributed to specific physical or psychological causes

Is always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen

Lacks adult supervision

Is overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn

Comes early, stays late, and does not want to go home

**Call
1-800-4
A CHILD
to report
child abuse**



Thank you for joining over seven million people today who are praying for the victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them.

Thank you for asking God what you can do to help children in your own community.