



PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE NATION MONDAY JULY, 30-SUNDAY AUGUST, 5, 2018

(Psalms 127:3-5) 3-“children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him.4-“like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one’s youth”.

A saying goes: The true character of a society is revealed by how it treats its children.

Research has shown grave concerns on how we treat and expose our children as a society.

More than 33,929 cases of child abuse have been reported in the last 10 years, *Child Protection Report (2006-2016)* shows. Of these, 13,878 were of child abandonment and neglect, 528 of child trafficking, abduction and kidnapping and 3,123 of child labour. Another 1,025 cases were of emotional abuse, 7,317 of physical abuse and 7,832 of sexual abuse. Nairobi is the county with the highest number of reported cases of all forms of child abuse, a new report has shown. More than 33,929 cases of child abuse have been reported in the last 10 years, *Child Protection Report (2006-2016)* shows. Of these, 13,878 were of child abandonment and neglect, 528 of child trafficking, abduction and kidnapping and 3,123 of child labour. Another 1,025 cases were of emotional abuse, 7,317 of physical abuse and 7,832 of sexual abuse. A report by Childline Kenya a non-governmental organization had Nairobi leading with reported cases of all forms of child abuse while semi-arid regions reported the least incidents. Other counties with high numbers of child abuse cases were Kakamega, Kiambu and Nakuru while the least cases were reported in Marsabit, Samburu, Lamu and Wajir. Childline Kenya executive director George Kidenda said fathers led in sexual abuse of girls, followed by uncles. “Age group 6-10 years seems to have been at the highest risk of being abused, followed by 11-15-year-olds,” he said. The statistic could be much higher by now.

MONDAY JULY 30: MOLESTATION OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS:

By faith Moses ‘parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were afraid of the king’s edict.(Heb. 11:23)

Children have been subjected to psychological, emotional and even physical torture in schools

- Pray that teachers will not to engage in child abuse but only in teaching and training the children
- Pray for communities living around the schools. Some members of these communities have peddled drugs and even used children to ferry drugs. Pray that such will be exposed and completely eliminated from contacts with students.

- Pray that gangs who operate in some of our schools will be exposed and eliminated from our schools.
- Pray for schools to be safe places where the pupils are empowered not harassed or intimidated.
- Pray against wayward workers in schools who take advantage of the ignorance of the children to exploit them. Pray that there will be exposures and elimination of such.
- Pray for the welfare of teachers in all schools so they don't get stressed and vent out their frustration on children.
- Pray that the environment in our schools will become enablers of growth and places where the young ones learn about God and the world around them.

TUESDAY JULY 31: MISTREATMENT OF THE CHILD IN THE FAMILY

“Fathers do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4)

The family unit is the first places where the child gets socialized. Incidences of incest, rape, brutalization and even killing of children has been reported in the Family. Mothers and fathers have mistreated their children alike. Weird cases of children with several needles in their bodies have been reported.

Let's pray that:-

- The Family unit remains a place where children are safe and are empowered.
- Parents who abuse their children to change whatever the reasons.
- God to help such parents to be able to handle pressures of life and their frustrations.
- Parents appreciate children for who there are as gifts from God.
- The family to provide the right environment for the nurture of the children holistically.
- Pray for fathers to be fathers and to bring up their children in the instruction of the Lord and not to antagonize them.
- Reunification for lost or abandoned children with their families.
- Organizations to provide for Child and family counselling
- Against mistreatment of children in the hands of some house helps.
- Pray for healing of the family unit to offer stability and a safe haven for the children in Kenya.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1, 2018: CHURCH TO ADVOCATE FOR WELFARE OF CHILDREN

13"Then the people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciple rebuked them".14"then Jesus said, 'let he little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'. (Matt. 19:13-14)

Pray for the:-

- The church in Kenya will take an active role in advocating for welfare of children.
- The church will become a refuge for the children who are the future church.
- The church to be alert and committed to the nature and spiritual formation of children.
- Pray that church workers or ministers who take advantage of children will be exposed.
- Children will be safe in the church environment.
- Repent for the atrocities committed against children by those who should be teaching and training them in Sunday school.
- Pray that churches will allocate resources for the Sunday schools and children will be introduced to Christ at an early age.

THURSDAY AUGUST 2, 2018: VULNERABLE CHILDREN

***"Religion that God our father accepts as pure and faultless is this: look after the orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."*(James 1:27)**

Recently we have had many calamities in the nation. The fires in Kuwinda, Lang'ata slums, demolition of houses in Kibra for the construction of roads just to mention a few. A Lot have been said but little if any has been done about the plight of children caught in these calamities.

- Pray for:-3Those affected in the Mau eviction that God will be with them and uphold them.
- Pray against child labour some children are employed as house helps while the government has made primary school education free.
- Pray that the necessary authorities and church will offer counseling services to the affected children.
- Pray that some of these children will perform well despite the challenges and resources will be availed for them to settle well in other schools.

FRIDAY AUGUST, 3: STREET CHILDREN

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matt. 25:40)

- Thank God for the many churches and organizations that have active programs addressing the plight of street children.
- Pray that all organizations working for the promotion of the welfare of children will be vetted to ensure they do what they are registered to do.
- Pray that the Government will come up with comprehensive programs to address the plight of street children.
- That the private sector will be involved and work with government to rehabilitate the street children
- Pray that the church will take a proactive role in rehabilitation of street children
- Pray for God's favor and that he will move many to come along and help these children
- Pray that they will go back to school and others will acquire some skills to help them earn a living.
- Pray for Integrity and accountability of resources advanced to them.
- Pray that each county government will allocate resources for this work and organizations mandated will become much more aggressive in rehabilitation work.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018: TRAFFICKING /KIDNAPPINGS

"For I was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and even here I have done nothing that they should have put me into the dungeon."(Gen. 40:15)

In some parts of the country gangs steal or buy infants from mothers who are told their child have died or who can't afford to have more children.

Fueling the trade are couples seeking to adopt children, kidnappers extracting ransoms from families desperate to reclaim their little ones.

A mother, 21, believes traffickers abducted her 8-month-old son after she left him at home with her two nieces who were approached by young woman and told the mother wanted the baby.

Pray for:-

- The integrity in all institutions handling children cases.
- Pray that Parents will be vigilant with their children and especially infants.
- Pray against complacency in our society where many people don't seem to be bothered as long as it has not happened to them.
- Organizations to provide for Child and family counselling

- Legal advice and aid for parents/caregivers and children
- Pray that cartels will be eliminated from hospitals and infants will no longer disappear.
- Pray that all arms of Government mandated with care of children and their welfare will take their work seriously.
- Pray that all children in this republic will be safe from traffickers and kidnappers

SUNDAY AUGUST 5: THE GOVERNMENT

In the Kenyan Constitution, the Penal Code defines the Penal system in Kenya. It outlines criminal offences and prescribes penalties to them.

The Penal Code protects children, in that acts and omissions, which amount to child abuse, are classified as punishable offences.

These include:

- Sexual abuse: Offences outlined in the Penal Code- Rape, Defilement, indecent assault, incest (both by males and females) and unnatural offences.
- Physical Abuse: Offences include: common assault, assault occasioning actual bodily harm and grievous bodily harm.
- Other offences that protect the lives of children include concealment of birth, killing of the unborn, procurement of an abortion etc.

- Assessment of cases and provision of assistance
- That our government will be more proactive in taking care of the needs and protection of children.
- Pray for the children welfare department that all the staff will appreciate what their jobs are as a calling from God. Pray that they will advocate the cases of children without any partiality.
- Pray that all cases involving children are expedited quickly
- Pray that the security apparatus will arise and ensure all cases of abuse of children are handled appropriately.
- Pray for successful convictions on all defilement cases and others involving children so they act as a deterrent of future crimes
- Pray that the rule of law will be followed to the letter and children protected even from those mandated to take care and they turn to be the ones molesting.

“Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old man who does not live his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed” (Isa. 65:20)