

Decade of the Child



Year of the Child Hymn

1. Help us to show your love, O Christ,
To children in our care,
And reach beyond till every child
Is held in love and prayer.
For, through neglect, abuse and sin,
Some children suffer pain.
They never learn to live and seek
A rainbow through the rain.
2. When children need a helping hand
To lift or to inspire,
May we, your church, be present there
To give what they require.
For love, our God has made us all,
God's children everywhere,
To live in joyful harmony,
To be the best we dare.
3. May we learn well what children teach:
An open mind and heart,
An energizing zest for life,
A willingness to start
Grant us the grace to be child-like,
Approaching all our days
With eager, playful, lively joy,
In loving, hope-filled praise.
4. (Sung by children)
Now we will sing our praise of Christ,
Born many years ago,
A child who grew both wise and strong,
God's love for us to show.
In stories told to people then,
Remembered still today,
Christ shows in every deed and word
What we should do and say.

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