

**Child Protection Day****Ritual Prayer – Primary**

Every child, in every community, needs a fair go

WE GATHER**Welcome & Introduction**

Leader: Today we celebrate Child protection Day.
This year the theme is “Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.”

We pray today that children in our school, in our neighbourhood,
in our country and in the world are given the chance to develop their full potential
and use the gifts and talents that God has given them.

Let us join in our gathering song.

Gathering Hymn

We are Delightful (Monica Brown – God Delights in You) **OR**
Let the Children Come (Jen Charadia – Renew Our Hearts)

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray ... *(pause)* ...

God of hope, you love and care for each one of us.
We ask that our eyes and ears, hearts and minds
may be open to the needs of the children placed in our care.
Through the support and encouragement we give them,
may they receive every opportunity to become all that you want them to be. We ask
this prayer in Jesus’ name.

All: Amen.

WE LISTEN

Scripture Psalm 91: 1-4



WE RESPOND

Blessing & Sprinkling

Leader: Bow your heads and receive this blessing.
May God's love and protection surround you and keep you safe
from all hidden dangers. *(Sprinkle children and pause)*

May God's love and protection cover you and defend you
from any who would seek to do you harm. *(Sprinkle children and pause)*

May God's love and protection give you the courage to grow
into the wonderful person God knows you can be. *(Sprinkle children and pause)*

Reflection: **Guiding Light** (Andrew Chinn - These Hands)

WE GO

Final Prayer & Dismissal

Leader: Let us pray ... *(pause)* ...

God of peace and love,
you sent us your Son Jesus, to show us how to care for each other.
May we value and respect the innocence and goodness of your children
and work to provide safe and caring environments for them
so that they may grow and develop to their full potential.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us go now in the peace and love of God,
ready to live in love and compassion.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional hymn

Let Your Light Shine (Andrew Chinn – Let Your Light Shine) **OR**
Love is the Greatest Gift (Monica Brown – God Delights in You)