

God of Grace. We look at the sleeping infant and see a serenity and innocence that lightens our soul. We watch the delight of a toddler who is newly discovering the mystery of an earthworm, and we suddenly see our environment as delightful and blessed. We witness the child with a scraped knee who is comforted by his mother's kisses and a band-aid, and we recognize the power of your healing love. Lord, God. How our children can teach us about You, and about the goodness of this world you have given us! Help us to love these, your newly minted people, Lord. Help us to teach them about you, just as they teach us about how to receive your gifts. Help us to accept and soak in the good gifts of serenity, mystery, wonder, and healing love that you pour into our world. Our children claim these gifts easily and as their due. May we recognize them, gratefully accept them and in the process become the people you call us to be. Thank you, Lord.