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WORLD ORPHANS/VULNERABLE CHILDREN'S DAY





“The Orphan Crisis”

- An estimated 153 million children worldwide are orphans (UNICEF)
- 140 million children have lost one or both parents
- 15.1 million children have lost both parents
- 60% of girls fall into prostitution to survive
- 40% of boys enter a life of crime when they are out of orphanages
- 50% of orphans use drugs and abuse alcohol
- “Orphan Nation” is the 7th largest nation in the world (<https://legacy.afamilyforeveryorphan.org/orphans>).

Orphans need:

Love and attention

Care

Security

Stimulation

Community

Who Are the Vulnerable Children?

1. Children of Needy Families
2. Children Whose Parents Are Incarcerated
3. Street Children
4. Slum Children
5. Children of Minority Groups
6. Trafficked children
7. Refugee Children
8. Children with Alcoholic or Drug-Using Parents
9. Children Who Do Not Speak the Local Language
10. Children Exposed to War
11. Children Exposed to Famine
12. HIV/AIDS Children and Other Deadly or Life-Threatening Diseases
13. Children who have been neglected



Acrostic Poems for Orphans



O utstanding because you're created in God's image
R adiant in the world as you shine brightly for Jesus
P ower will be yours when you pray to God
H ope in Jesus Christ
A dopted into God's family
N ever give up for God is always with you

O nly trust God to give you joy and happiness
R ely on God's leading
P ower to live like Jesus
H ope in Jesus' Second Coming
A dopted as sons and daughters of God
N ew life in Jesus
S pecial as God's unique creation

Ideas for Helping Orphans

- Select an orphanage that members can participate in.
- Volunteer for a day with an orphan.
- *Secret Buddy* – members can select one orphan and befriend him/her, writing him/her notes or cards. Send the child a birthday gift, a Christmas gift, etc.
- Children's choir or singing group can go and sing to the orphans on Sabbath.
- Foster care or adoption of orphans.
- Sponsor an orphan on a monthly basis.
- Donate clothes and personal items to orphans.
- Organize programs for refugee children.





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- Host the orphans on special days like Children's Sabbath, Creation Sabbath, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Children's Day, etc.
- Ice-cream night, pizza night or any special treat to get to know the orphans.
- Work with local NGOs to run a Street Children Project.
- Run a special weekly program for orphans.
- Welcome packages for orphans when they attend your programs.
- Pray for the orphans and adopted children.
- Children can donate their Bible story books, mission story books, and Bible DVDs to the orphans.
- Involve church kids to write letters to children of incarcerated parents.

Adopted At Last! (A Poem)



The only thing I remembered was that I was all alone,
Ma and Pa lay still beside me without even a groan.
I cried my heart out till no more tears did flow,
Ma and Pa had left me an orphan, what a blow!

One day a kind man and woman took me home,
Giving me love and care, so I'd never need to roam;
Teaching me, guiding me, and helping me to learn,
Desiring I'll grow smart and wise is what they so yearn.

I am forever grateful for my adopted mom and dad,
I've grown up well and normal, oh, I'm so glad;
They have taught me about Jesus and his love so deep,
For their kindness and compassion, a reward they will reap.

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