

Sheltering Arms Sunday

Worship Resources

Charge and Blessing

Go forth to create change for children made in the image of our Creator;
Go forth to bring hope, in the name of the one who is the hope of the world;
Go forth to work for a better tomorrow, empowered by the spirit, the advocate, who unites us in community.

Now may the blessing of our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Advocate be with you and every child of God this day and ever more. Amen.

Benediction

Let us go forth
To love, serve, and seek justice
For all of God's children.

Now may the God who
Watches over us
Came for us and
Works through us
Be with you, beloved children of God. Amen.

Prayer for Children

Great God,
Guard the laughter of children,
Bring them safely through injury and illness, so that they may live the promises you give.
Do not let us be so preoccupied with our purposes
that we fail to hear their voices,
or pay attention to their special vision of the truth;
but keep us with them, ready to listen and to love,
even as in Jesus Christ you have loved us,
your grown-up, wayward children. Amen.

Prayer for Parents

Almighty God, from whom we receive life,
You have blessed us with the joy and care of children.
As we bring them up, give us calm strength and patient wisdom,
that we may teach them to love
whatever is just and true and good
following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Gracious and almighty God, source of all wisdom, love, and justice: Help us on this Sheltering Arms Sunday to hear your call to care for the children of Minnesota. Strengthen our hands and embolden our hearts that we may act with your love and speak with your justice, to the end that all children may learn, succeed, and live out the lives for which they were created; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.