

Pope Leo's prayer for children with incurable diseases

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*Lord Jesus,
who welcomed the little ones in your arms and blessed them tenderly,
today we bring before you the children living with incurable illnesses.*

*Their fragile bodies are a sign of your presence, and their smiles, even
in the midst of pain, are a testimony of your Kingdom. We ask you,
Lord, that they may never lack proper medical care, human and
compassionate attention, and the support of a community that
accompanies them with love.*

*Sustain their families in hope, in the midst of weariness and
uncertainty, and make of them witnesses of a faith that grows
stronger through trial.*

*Bless the hands of doctors, nurses, and caregivers, so that their work
may always be an expression of active compassion. May your Spirit
enlighten them in every difficult decision, and grant them patience
and tenderness to serve with dignity.*

*Lord, teach us to recognize your face in every suffering child. May
their vulnerability awaken our compassion, and move us to care,
accompany, and love with concrete gestures of solidarity.*

*Make of us a Church that, animated by the feelings of your Heart and
moved by prayer and service, knows how to uphold fragility, and in
the midst of suffering, becomes a source of comfort, a seed of hope,
and a proclamation of new life.*

Amen.

Video link: www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/