CHILDREN

Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

MARK 9:36-37

GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, WATCH OVER THE YOUNGEST AMONG US WHO FACE UNRELENTING AND OVERWHELMING ILLNESS AND INJURY.

Send your grace upon them so they will know your loving and healing presence. Give to these sick children strength, hope, and joy as they face difficult treatment and recovery. You called us to receive the children, may we provide support and care necessary for their journey to health. We look to you and your Son, Jesus Christ, as a sign of mercy and joy. We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes in the name of your Son, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.