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*Lord, thank you for our children  
For them we kneel and pray.  
Help us teach them of Your kindness  
Of Your mercy and Your way.  
Help us show them of Your love  
Your strength and safety, too.  
Help us show them who You are  
Help us treat them like You do.  
Let us pray, educate ourselves and volunteer  
For the child or our nation  
Until black and blue are just colors  
In their crayon box.....Amen*

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