

# "Every conversation matters"

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY  
8 SEPTEMBER 2024**



Gracious God,

you love and care for all of your children,  
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence has been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support,  
So that now and in the future,

their wounds may be healed  
and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk,  
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience  
to seek out assistance when required.

Help us all to listen with open hearts,  
so that when children and adults at risk speak,  
they are truly heard.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever,

Amen