

Lord, Protect the Child

O God, Our Fortress,

We walk this earth among many
dangers
And look to you as our companion
and stronghold.

But we curse not our lot;
For you have placed among us
children,
Whose glad hearts and playful spirits
Have given us a glimpse of the joy
that awaits us,
And whose simple wisdom
Has led you to call them
The greatest of your disciples.

From those who would hurt them ...
❖ *Lord, protect the child.*

From those who would exploit them ...
❖ *Lord, protect the child.*

From those who would deny them ...
❖ *Lord, protect the child.*

From those who would turn them
away ...
❖ *Lord, protect the child.*

From illness and danger ...
❖ *Lord, protect the child.*

From war and oppression ...
❖ *Lord, protect the child.*

From fear and violence ...
❖ *Lord, protect the child.*

Lord, you came among us as a
vulnerable child:
a poor, homeless refugee boy.
Help us see your face in the faces of all
children and youth.
Make us their protectors,
Their companions and helpers;
And so, make us more like yourself.

amen

