

Thanksgiving 2010

If you want to help for a day, give them rice;
 If you want to help for a while give them a tree;
 If you want to help for an eternity, give them an education

Prayer sent to kids who lose shoes, and those who have none to lose.



*We pray for children
 Who sneak Popsicles before supper.
 Who erase holes in math
 workbooks.
 Who can never find their shoes.
 And we pray for those
 who stare at photographers from
 behind barbed wire.
 Who can't bound down the street in
 a new pair of sneakers.
 Who never "counted potatoes,"
 Who are born in places we
 wouldn't be caught dead in.
 Who never saw a circus.
 Who live in an X-rated world.
 We pray for children
 Who bring us sticky kisses and
 fistfuls of dandelions.
 Who hug us in a hurry and forget
 their lunch money.
 And we pray for those
 Who never get dessert.
 Who have no security blanket to
 drag behind them.
 Who watch their parents watch
 them die.
 Who can't find any bread to steal.
 Who don't have any rooms to clean up.
 Whose pictures aren't on anybody's
 dresser.
 Whose monsters are real.*

*We pray for children
 Who spend all their allowance
 before Tuesday.
 Who throw tantrums in the grocery
 store and
 pick at their food.*

*Who like ghost stories.
 Who shove their dirty clothes under
 the bed
 and never rinse out the tub.
 Who get visits from the tooth fairy.*



*Who don't like to be kissed in front
 of the car pool.
 Who squirm in church or temple
 and scream into the phone.
 Whose tears we sometimes laugh at*

*And whose smiles can make us
 cry.*

*And we pray for those
 Whose nightmares come in the
 daytime.*

*Who will eat anything.
 Who have never seen a dentist.
 Who aren't spoiled by anybody.
 Who go to bed hungry and
 cry themselves to sleep.
 Who live and move, but have
 no being.*



*We pray for children
 Who want to be carried.
 And for those who must be.
 For those we never give up on,
 and for those who never get a
 second chance.
 For those we smother
 And for those who will grab the
 hand of anybody kind enough to
 offer it.*



*All of the photographs were taken at the
 Matagalpa, Nicaragua garbage dump.
 Families of 8 earn up to \$2 a day. On a
 good day, they will find a pair of shoes,
 a shirt, and maybe lunch or dinner.*

*Happy Thanksgiving
 David Lynch and Kids*