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## “Children’s Day” Also a Call to Prayer

• A Historic Day to Honor America’s Children Coming June 12

**Batavia, Ill., March 23, 2011 (*The Religion Wire™*) —**

A day that reaches into the history of America is coming in less than three months on **Sunday, June 12**. It’s

“**Children’s Day**” (*second Sunday in June*). **Children’s Day** observations in the United States date from the 1860s and earlier.

## Children’s Day



Second Sunday in June

This day is filled with joy and commitment to America’s children. Churches celebrate, sermons are preached, prayers are prayed, youth receive awards, parents renew commitments to their children, proclamations are read, kids participate in fun-filled activities, and most of all it is a day of sharing love with our nation’s youth.

“This year Robin Durkee of CryOut4Me.com encourages us to pray for missing and abducted children. Robin has written a powerful editorial on this topic,” states John Ross, an advocate for **Children’s Day** (*second Sunday in June*) and founder of the website [www.nationalchildrensday.us](http://www.nationalchildrensday.us) and its mirror, [www.childrensday.us](http://www.childrensday.us). Ross continues, “CryOut4Me.com is a great fit for **Children’s Day**. Prayer and protection of children do truly dovetail with **Children’s Day**.”

Currently, *Chase’s Calendar of Events* cites June 12 as *Children’s Sunday*.

Numerous churches and denominations, including the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the Church of the Nazarene now observe the second Sunday in June as **Children’s Day**.

## Add one — “Children’s Day” Also a Call to Prayer

### Editorial - Give a Voice to Missing Children

A *Call to Prayer Initiative*, Cry Out 4 Me, is in response to the heart’s cry for missing and abducted children to be found and brought home. A ‘Call to Prayer’ campaign is one way we can make a positive impact on the problem of child abduction. I am sure we have all imagined how devastating it would be if our child or someone else we love were to be abducted. Our children are vulnerable. Even a temporary separation from a caregiver in a grocery store can cause separation anxiety. Fortunately, being lost an isle away is a temporary scare.

Children who have been abducted are alone, unable to fend for themselves in an unfamiliar world, torn apart from everything safe. Child abduction is a violent, unmerciful act that causes incomprehensible fear and unyielding terror. Who but God keeps missing children in His care and has his eyes on them? Who but God hears their cry to be found and brought home? The eyes of the Lord are upon them, and there is no hiding place He does not see. Through united prayer, we can help bring these children home.

In cases involving missing children, many national programs have been put in place to educate and intervene. Although these programs have been somewhat successful, too many abducted children are never found. According to the FBI’s National Crime Information Center (NCIC) 74% of the 692,944 persons reported missing to America’s law enforcement agencies in 2010 were juveniles under 18 years of age. That’s a total of 510,207 children, and it means that 1,400 times per day parents or primary caregivers felt the disappearance was serious enough to call law enforcement.

Missing children need our prayers. As national *Children’s Day* (Sunday, June 12) approaches, please take a moment to pray in the privacy of your home or in your church. You can also visit the ‘Prayer Wall’ on the Call to Prayer website, [www.cryout4me.com](http://www.cryout4me.com), and write a prayer for all missing children, and perhaps one missing child in particular that God has placed on your heart. ‘A Call to Prayer’ is something we can do to make a difference for a missing child. The Lord is our mighty fortress and our deliverer. His cause is just, and His power is mighty.

To write a prayer for Missing Children please visit the ‘Prayer Wall’ at [www.cryout4me.com](http://www.cryout4me.com).

He is Victory Over Darkness,

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