

2025-03-28 Meditation for Friday in the Third Week of Lent is now available at: <https://pgimf.org/meditations/>

[The opening theme song with a poetic paraphrase begins:]

*Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe,*  
O Pow'r of love, all else transcending,  
*Die sich in Jesu offenbart;*  
In Jesus present evermore,  
*Ich geb' mich hin dem freien Triebe,*  
I worship thee, in homage bending,

### ***Prayer of the Children***

Lyrics: Kurt Bestor (b. 1958)

Music: Kurt Bestor, arr. Andrea Klouse

Artists: Gondwana Singers (singers aged 14-16, including boys whose voices just changed)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9x6hSdRAvI>

Can you hear the prayer of the children?  
On bended knee, in the shadow of an unknown room  
Empty eyes with no more tears to cry  
Turning heavenward toward the light

Crying Jesus, help me  
To see the morning light of one more day  
But if I should die before I wake,  
I pray my soul to take

Can you feel the hearts of the children?  
Aching for home, for something of their very own  
Reaching hands, with nothing to hold on to  
But hope for a better day a better day

Crying Jesus, help me  
To feel the love again in my own land  
But if unknown roads lead away from home,  
Give me loving arms, away from harm

[vocalizing]

Can you hear the voice of the children?

Softly pleading for silence in a shattered world?  
Angry guns preach a gospel full of hate,  
Blood of the innocent on their hands

Crying Jesus, help me  
To feel the sun again upon my face,  
For when darkness clears I know you're near,  
Bringing peace again

*Dali cujete sve djecje molitive?*

(Croatian translation: 'Can you hear all the children's prayers?')  
Can you hear the prayer of the children?

[Closing words to our theme song:]

*O! dass diess jeder Sünder wüsste,*  
O! that every sinner would know this,  
*Sein Herz wohl bald dich lieben müsste.*  
His heart must soon surely love You.

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