

Some Prayer Resources to help you pray about the Children and Families Bill
An extract from an email from Care 10/12/13

Dear praying friends,

Thank you those of you who saw my request and were able to pray about the Lords debate on Tuesday evening considering Lord McColl's child trafficking guardian amendment (to ensure all children who have been rescued from trafficking situations have someone to represent their interests). It was not backed by the Government so was lost by fifteen votes, which is disappointing news. The government spokesperson Baroness Northover suggested guardians could make matters worse because other professionals may think "they don't need to concern themselves as much about a traffic child because their guardian is looking after them". However, there are still reasons to be hopeful - and after all, Wilberforce's campaign against slavery took him decades...

Click here for an account of the debate <http://www.bbc.co.uk/democracylive/house-of-lords-25305131>

Thank God

- For the excellent speeches and that so many peers supported the amendment
- That the idea of a guardian has become well-respected and may yet be adopted by the Government

Please pray

- for Lord McColl, who as I am sure you know has a deep and inspiring Christian faith (and knows you all pray for him often!)
- for a meeting between Lord McColl and the Minister on when they will discuss this further
- for children rescued from trafficked situations who are now without adequate protection and care because social workers are already so over-burdened with cases.
- For social workers and other professionals under so much pressure who would love to help these children more if they could
- That the Government will do more – ideally adopt Lord McColl's proposal

A prayer of St Anselm:

We bring before Thee O Lord,
The troubles and perils of peoples and nations,
The sighings of prisoners and captives,
The sorrows of the bereaved
The necessities of strangers,
The helplessness of the weak,
The despondency of the weary,
The failing power of the aged.
O Lord draw near to each,
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen