## Blue Sunday Prayer

## HOW TO PRAY

- 1.) For investigators (CPS & Law Enforcement): for *discernment*, *wisdom*, and *decisiveness*; for *empathy* and *ability to connect* compassionately with the victim; for *protection* of their well-being and spirit in light of what they hear and see every day; for *restoration* of spirit.
- 2.) For decision-makers and those providing aftercare for children who have been abused (foster care workers, judges, CASA workers, GALs, therapists, and foster parents): for wisdom, empathy and patience with the child who has been abused, as well as their family of origin; for attentiveness to detail and discernment in perceiving symptoms and patterns of the aftereffects of a child's abuse; for a creative and persevering spirit in innovating solutions for a child or family; for strong support networks to come around each of these individuals to provide guidance and restoration as they execute their role; for renewal of spirit and continuing passion for their work.
- 3.) For the children who have been abused: for caring, stable adults in their lives who will nurture and pour into them; for well-trained and knowledgeable professionals to be part of their care team and assist in their recovery; for the bravery and resilience of spirit to open themselves to new relationships and relationship patterns, and to disclose and work through past abuse; for their hope to be strengthened, and for their hope to be fulfilled for good things to come for their life.

