

Saturday 27 June:

Hope

Children who are nurtured with love, patience, care and hope are more likely to grow up to respect themselves and others. By caring for children through prayer and action, we are helping to create stronger families and communities.

"Hope is the gift of something new."

(Miroslav Volf)



## Join the Angel Cake Bake Off

Join others who are raising funds for Family Works by baking and selling sweet treats.

Register NOW at [www.fwn.org.nz/bake](http://www.fwn.org.nz/bake).



21-27 June 2015

Take care of our children...

(Photo by Michael Tubberly)  
Dame Whina Cooper

Praying for Children @ Risk



Presbyterian Support

Northern



Kids Friendly aims to equip, encourage and resource churches to serve the needs of children and families in their churches and communities.



Family Works supports at-risk children and their families to help them address complex issues like violence and conflict.

## You don't need wings to be an angel

God loves everyone  
God wants us to love others too  
We can be an angel of God  
when we love others

Jesus explains that to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength also means showing love and care to others in need:

- ★ I promise to pray every day this week for children @ risk
- ★ I promise to act on behalf of children by paying attention to their needs and speaking up for them
- ★ I can join the Angel Cake Bake-Off and fill out the registration form



"Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me."

(Matthew 25:40)

## Hey stranger, Hey neighbour

Am I so invisible, that my tears can't catch your eye?  
Am I so unlovable, no one out there hears my cry?  
I have heard the whispering of hope calling  
That I might find a hand to hold and restore me

Hey stranger, hey neighbour  
You don't need wings to be my angel  
Just hear me, just see me  
Let me know that I am truly worthy

Would you greet and welcome me,  
if you found me at your door?

Would you pray that I'll be free,  
find a life that's so much more?

I have heard the whispering of hope calling  
That I might find a hand to hold and restore me

Composer – Malcolm Gordon

# Recipe for healthy, happy children

ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS:

Sunday 21 June:

Safe, warm homes

Children need a safe, insulated home, along with warm clothes and a bed of their own. An estimated ten percent of New Zealand children (more than 110,000) are living at the hardest end of poverty – without good food and in damp, cramped houses.

Light a candle as a symbol of hope for New Zealand's children. Pray for their safety and courage in the face of mistreatment.



Monday 22 June:

Nurturing Bond

Children thrive when they are loved and supported by their parents, extended family, whānau, guardian or caregiver. Without this basic bond, children fail to flourish. They may grow up to express their anger and grief through their behaviour.

"The Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love."

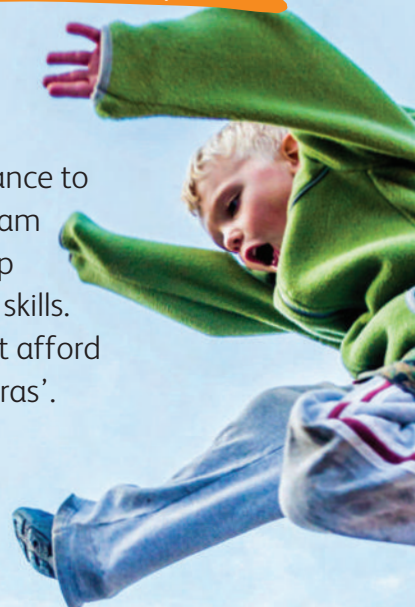
(Psalm 147:11)

Tuesday 23 June:

Fun & Friendship

Having fun and a chance to be part of a sports team helps children develop social and emotional skills. Many families cannot afford the cost of these 'extras'.

Childhood shapes who we become. Abuse never should.



Wednesday 24 June:

Knowledge & Learning

Children grow and learn through a wide range of experiences. They also need interaction with others to develop language and social skills. Caregivers who understand how children grow and develop can encourage children to become all that God desires for them.

"Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them."

(Deuteronomy 4:9)

Thursday 25 June:

Caring Support

Children need the basics: healthy food, suitable clothing, a warm house and visits to the doctor when needed. More than half of the children living in poverty in New Zealand are likely to live this way for years.



Friday 26 June:

Patience

With an abundance of patience and clear boundaries, children can be encouraged to explore and learn to make good decisions. When parents and caregivers are emotionally resilient themselves, they are less likely to direct their anger and frustration at their children.

"...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience."

(Colossians 1:11)