JESUS, FRIEND OF CHILDREN

(Theme Song for Family Eucharistic Holy Hour)

Jesus, Friend of children

Here we come to You.

In Your Mercy, hear us

Grant Your children's prayer.

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(repeat)

-Composer unknown

This song was submitted by Fr. Anthony Adawu, a priest from Ghana, who currently serves three parishes in Maryland, USA. The song was originally written in Fante, a dialect of the Akan language spoken in southern Ghana. The original words are:

Jesus, Friend of children
Behold, we come to You
In mercy and grace, hear us
Listen to the prayer of Your children.

Fr. Anthony says, "It is always a great joy to hear children sing this song. I remember singing it from my earliest years in school. May it inspire hope in children all over the world. And may the merciful Lord bless this ministry, making it a beacon of hope in a world where children often suffer a great deal."