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- Of children who are abused, 20% are abused before the age of 8.

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- Pray they will be rescued
- Pray they are placed with caring people
- Pray their minds and bodies can heal
- Pray they find hope
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