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The pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
If you offer your food to the hungry  
And satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
Then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

(Isaiah 58:9b-10)



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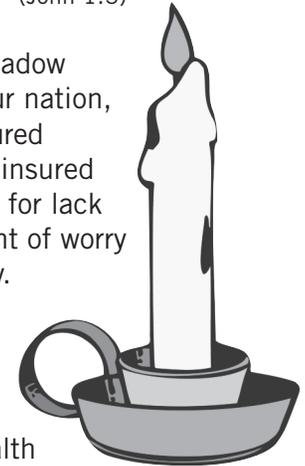
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- Ensuring all CHIP children the health and mental health services they need.
- Guarantying funding for all children eligible for CHIP.
- Investing in vulnerable children and families.

Call toll-free **1 (877) 233-9025** to be connected to the Senate Switchboard, ask for your Senator's office, and deliver the message below:

*Hi, my name is [your name]. I'm calling from [your city and state] to tell Senator [your Senator's name] to co-sponsor and vote for Senator Bob Casey's Children's CHIP Amendment. It will build on the proven CHIP program, prevent children from being worse off after health reform, and improve health coverage for our state's children.*

**Take Action Today to Ensure No Child Will Be Worse Off After Health Reform!!!**

Gracious God, as we await the coming of Christ, Light of the World, help us to bear your light to those in the darkness of distress. These days especially we pray that you will help our light shine as we satisfy the needs of the afflicted, working to bring the hope of health care to our nation's uninsured children and families. These things we pray in the name of Christ, Amen.

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