

Prayer & Intercession Resources for White Ribbon Day (25th November 2017)

Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
so that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Almighty God, you are the Father of us all. You created the human family to dwell for ever with you and to praise your glory.

You have called us into your Church, the mystical Body of your Son, and yet we have sinned against you and wounded the Body of Christ by our sins.

We lament the failings of those who minister in your name which has caused such hurt to the innocent.

Open our ears to hear your voice and our eyes to see your image in those who are bruised and wounded by sexual abuse.

Restore your Body and all its members by your healing love, so that those who have been broken may find wholeness again and your children may be a light to the world.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Liturgy office, Dio. Sydney)

White Ribbon – for women and girls who have, and still, suffer abuse

Gracious God, you created us in your image and breathed life into us. A life you want us to live abundantly. We ask you to free those living with abuse physically, mentally or spiritually, from their oppression, so that they may walk in peace and enjoy a life full of your blessings.

Most Holy Spirit, comfort and protect all who work to help victims of domestic violence, rape and assault. Give them the strength and courage to listen day by day to the hurts of others. Help them as they seek to comfort and guide the lost souls who come to them for aid. Bring them peace in their own lives, that they may better serve those to and for whom they are responsible.

God of Peace, there are many places and many people who do not experience your peace. Right now there are many, many women and children who live under the weight of fear and violence in their own homes. We pray for your protection and for wisdom for friends and officials to help bring that right protection to them. We pray for the many men who themselves feel powerless and confused about their relationships. We ask that you would help them find healthy ways to work out their frustrations and to find hope without resorting to destructive impulses. We ask for your perfect peace.

O Lord, help us to be strong stewards of all you have entrusted to us. Give us the courage and your strength to stand against abuse of any kind inflicted upon your precious people and also to the animals you have placed on this earth.

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For women who are suffering physical, emotional, economic or sexual abuse in their own homes, may they find the strength to free themselves from the violence and live in peace.

For children traumatized by violence in their own homes, may God protect them from the violence, free them from the abuse and heal their wounds.

For all victims of domestic violence, may they feel neither guilt nor shame but have the courage to seek help in order to free themselves from abuse.

For a transformation in the violent way many men act towards and think about women.

For right and just relations between women and men that together we may transform and overcome violence in all its forms and learn to celebrate our diversity and interdependence