



Prayers to remember women and girls impacted by domestic violence

Holy God, We thank you that you rule with righteousness and justice. We rejoice that you came in the person of Jesus to destroy the works of darkness. We acknowledge that our hearts hurt at the pervasive levels of violence against women and girls. We do not know how long it will continue but we mourn with hope that you will judge every offender who does not repent and that you will provide courage and hope for every survivor. We pray for the perpetrators of every form of violence against women and children. We ask that they will hear what your Spirit says and turn to you in humble repentance. We lay our hands on the hearts, souls, and minds of the affected children. We declare your power to save, heal, and deliver them. We thank you for how you will continue to glorify yourself as we look to you, wait on you, and work with you - in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth - Amen!

Written by Dr Joy Wilson, teacher and counsellor, Guyana

Dear God, We come into your presence and thank you for each moment and breath you have given us. We thank you for families where we can be nurtured and loved. We are conscious that many people have their joy and security robbed because they experience abuse and violence from people who should be providing security and support. We especially pray for women who are facing abuse and its dreadful consequences. Be with each one and restore hope, we pray. We thank you for all who are making every effort to save your daughters. Give them strength and wisdom to deal with trauma and to transform lives. Help them to keep going even when their hearts are troubled.
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As we seek to be more aware of this issue, bless our efforts. Help us to put faith into action through love as this is what your Word teaches us. We ask this all in your Precious and Mighty Name, Jesus. Amen!

Written by Amal Sarah, community leader, Pakistan

Lord, you came to bind up the broken-hearted and to set the captives free. Your mandate has become our mandate, and so as the global Church praying together in unity today we stand against domestic abuse in all its forms. We pray for all those suffering at the hands of others. Be their strong tower, their comfort, their refuge and their hope. We pray for all those involved in supporting survivors, that you would strengthen and encourage them - giving them wisdom and compassion as they show Christ's love in these darkest of situations. May we, your church, rise up and be a voice for the voiceless. May we have the courage to stand up and be counted - challenging a culture of cover-up and silence in our midst. Finally, help us to create safe spaces where survivors are listened to, believed, and loved. We ask all these things in the beautiful and powerful name of Jesus. Amen

Written by Pete Sims, church leader, United Kingdom

Christian network to end domestic abuse

Prayer for those in slavery

Lord and Master, who is all compassion and who values each and every person, we pray for all those who are in conditions of slavery. We pray that you will bring help to them so they can find freedom and rebuild their lives. May those who trap and enslave others turn to you in repentance and find perfect freedom through serving you and not themselves. Amen.

Prayer for men impacted by domestic abuse, slavery or homophobia

Merciful God, we pray for men who are abused, physically and psychologically. Protect them in body, mind and spirit, and enable them to break free of those who harm them. In Jesus' name. Amen