

# A 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 his blood on the 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 the cries of our brothers and sisters  
who have been gravely harmed,  
and the cries of those who love them.  
Soothe their restless hearts with hope,  
steady their shaken spirits with faith.  
Grant them justice for their cause,  
enlightened by your truth.



Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people's wounds  
and transform brokenness into wholeness.  
Grant us the courage and wisdom,  
humility and grace, to act with justice.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.  
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# UNA ORACIÓN DE SANACIÓN VÍCTIMAS DE ABUSO

Dios del amor infinito,  
Siempre presente, siempre justo;  
Tú nos cuidas y nos proteges  
Y nos diste a tu único Hijo  
Para salvarnos con su sangre en la cruz.



Jesús manso, pastor de la paz,  
Dígnate unir a tu propio sufrimiento  
El dolor de todos los que han sido heridos  
De cuerpo, mente y espíritu  
Por parte de aquellos que traicionaron la confianza puesta en ellos.

Escucha el clamor de nuestros hermanos y hermanas  
Que han sido lastimados gravemente,  
Así como el clamor de aquellos que los aman.  
Dales la esperanza que mitigue el desosiego de  
sus corazones,  
Dales la fe que calme sus espíritus perturbados.  
Concédeles justicia para su causa,  
Ilumínalos con tu verdad.



Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones,  
Cura las heridas de tus hijos e hijas  
Y devuelve la integridad a lo que ha sido quebrantado.  
Concédenos el valor y la sabiduría,  
La humildad y la gracia, para actuar con justicia.  
Sopla tu sabiduría en nuestras oraciones y empeños.  
Que todos los que han sido heridos por el abuso  
encuentren paz y justicia.  
Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

- ❖ We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide Church leaders as they promote justice and healing for victims and survivors of abuse.
- ❖ We pray for our Holy Father, that he may fulfill his role as good shepherd, and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.
- ❖ May all civic leaders act in ways that show their commitment to the protection of all, especially children and young people.
- ❖ May all who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.
- ❖ We pray that all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.
- ❖ May those who have been abused experience Christ's profound love for them and God's healing grace.
- ❖ May God the Merciful Father bring comfort and healing to victims and survivors of sexual abuse within the Church.
- ❖ We pray that all who provide help for the abused may act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.
- ❖ We pray that God may grant those affected by abuse in anyway the courage to tell their story and seek healing.
- ❖ May all priests and religious, through their teaching and witness, lead children and young people to holiness.
- ❖ We pray that the bishops continue to carry out their promise to protect, and pledge to heal, the most vulnerable in their dioceses.
- ❖ We pray that all parish communities affected by abuse find healing and reconciliation through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

