

Prayer to End Domestic and Family Violence

Loving God,

We thank you for inviting us to work together to end domestic and family violence in our community, and we ask for your wisdom and guidance as we begin this effort.

We pray for constancy in seeking a society where all people are safe in their home, families and close relationships, and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person.

We pray for all those affected by violence, that they may find safety and healing.

We pray that all women and children will find a place and life free from violence, and children will be cared for in nurturing, protective and supportive ways.

We pray for young men that they may find models of respectful relationships, and reject the violent and demeaning images of manhood current in our society.

We ask for the courage to confront the causes of family violence, including the prevalence of violence in society, abuse of power and the unequal position of women in the community.

We pray for right and just relations between all people, so that together we may transform and overcome violence in all its forms.

We long for the time you have promised, when violence is banished, women and men are open to love and be loved, children are protected, and the work and wealth of our world is justly shared.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.