

16 Days of Activism Intercessions

Dear loving Father,

We bring before you our sisters and brothers who have been locked in abusive relationships and have been undervalued.

They have suffered mental and physical pain, physical bruises and ever-present fears of hospitalisation, and even death. Many have children and are concerned for their wellbeing, a need for a safe place to stay. Our brothers and sisters have a need to be listened to, to be understood, they need encouragement to speak out about what is happening in their lives.

Heavenly Father, we pray that we may be aware of the signs of abuse, obvious physical signs and in changes in behaviour, that we may be prepared to share in their suffering, offering encouragement and hope for the future.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Dear Lord,

Give us strength to shine a light on the horror of abuse,

Give us strength not to hide the truth,

May we show understanding and compassion,

To be involved, to care,

to encourage hopes of a new life,

moving into the future with confidence.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Dear Lord,

we pray for our brothers and sisters whose,

trust is lost,

have answered questions,

what went wrong?

who need reassurance.

assistance is available,

release from captivity,

fresh air of a new life,

fully valued.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Heavenly Father,
we bring before you our brothers and sisters,
victims of violence,
where love has evaporated in a relationship,
many, powerless, bruised and broken,
longing for comfort and hope,
no more hiding in corners,
longing for safe places,
a secure refuge,
longing for healing and peace,
a new start,
stability for themselves and their families,
trusted relatives, friends, and colleagues.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Dear Lord,
we bring our concerns to you,
for all,
who in their weakness are worn down by abuse,
we ask
for comfort and rebuilding of their strength.
for acceptance of themselves
for confidence to grow,
for courage to speak out,
to seek help.
To feel hope and a fresh beginning,
to turning the corner in time,
to a new life ahead,
healed in body, mind and spirit,
We ask this in Jesus' name,
Amen.