

Prayer Guide



Those that experience domestic violence are on a journey to freedom. Use this Litany to pray for each stage of the journey, to progress and be free from violence.

A Litany for the Journey Forth

How long, O God, must I endure this bondage, this abuse?

Not long, I see your bondage. I feel your pain. I will lead you out.

But I do not want to leave. I am afraid to leave.

I will lead you out. I have a place for you to go, and a land flowing with milk and honey.

The passage is very difficult, very scary. I am afraid I will drown.

I will hold back the waters. I will lead you.

How will I survive in this wilderness?

I will provide food and satisfy your thirst.

I am so alone. Who will care for me?

I have those along the way who will care for you and support you.

What's this I see on the horizon? A new land across the river? A new place to be, to become? I have been without a land for so long.

This is the new place of freedom for you. I will lead you. I will guide you. You are almost there. Keep going.

Spirit of love and power and hope, hear your people, send us forth bearing your 'Living Water' for the journey. May we see our work together for justice flow down like water and form a mighty stream, a powerful river of change.

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Prayer Requests

Pray that this issue continues to be confronted and challenged in the following ways.

Locally: that communities will address the issue of domestic violence, by not remaining silent, but by being educated about the issue and supporting each other.

Nationally: that Australia continues to grow in its response to domestic violence by prioritizing it at a national level, listening to the community and resourcing services adequately.

Globally: that world leaders will recognise the role that gender inequality plays in violence against women and that the world will place value on what women have to contribute to society.

The Church

Pray for the church as it responds to domestic violence

That the issue of domestic violence is understood in the church

Is wise in its response to victims and perpetrators

That love, grace and acceptance is experienced by those who are victims

That perpetrators of violence within the church will be challenged and supported to seek help.

That healing and forgiveness are found

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