



Prayer for the Victims of Abuse

Loving and merciful God,
you have brought us together
in the name of your Son
to receive mercy and grace,
healing and comfort in our time of need.

Open our eyes to see the pain and suffering
caused by the abusive behavior of some
members of our Church.

Enlighten our minds to understand its devastating
impact on the lives of these victims,
on the lives of their families and friends,
and on the Church.

Touch our hearts with your tender compassion
and convert us to yourself.
Grant us the grace and courage
to forgive those who have hurt us
and to ask forgiveness of those we have harmed.

Where sin has divided and scattered,
may your love make us one again.
Where sin has brought weakness and hurt,
may your power heal and strengthen.
Where sin has brought death,
may your spirit raise to life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
---AMEN.

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