

Prayer to End Domestic Violence

Loving God,

*We thank you for inviting us to end domestic violence
in our community.*

We ask for your wisdom, courage, and guidance.

*We pray for a society where all people are safe
in their homes and close relationships, where each person
is respected, in their equality and dignity.*

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

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

*We ask for the courage to confront the causes of domestic violence,
including the prevalence of violence in our society, any abuses of
power, and the unequal positioning 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 being loved and loving others,
children are protected, and the work and wealth of our world
is justly shared.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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