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## **Prayers of the Faithful for The Day of Prayer in Support of Victims and Survivors of Abuse**

Priest:

Almighty God and Father; You are a God of love who calls each person You have made to You. Hear our prayers for those whose trust has been abused that they may know that they will always be in Your loving care.

Reader:

We pray for all the victims and survivors of abuse within the Church that they may find justice, healing and the compassionate support they deserve. May their courage be honoured, their voices heard, and their dignity restored

Lord in Your mercy

We pray for all who have abused positions of trust. May they face the truth of their actions, accept responsibility for what they have done and undergo true repentance and conversion of heart.

Lord in Your mercy

We pray for families and parishes wounded by betrayal that God may bind up their brokenness and restore what has been damaged so that they may rebuild trust and hope.

Lord in Your mercy

We pray for all who have walked away from the Church in pain, anger and disillusionment. May they know that their suffering is seen; their reasons are understood; and their absence is felt keenly. May the Holy Spirit meet them where they are and hold them close.

Lord in Your mercy

We pray for priests and seminarians that their ongoing training may be robust, honest and centred on the well-being of victims and survivors thus forming ministers who protect, serve with integrity and, above all, listen.

Lord in Your mercy





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We pray for the whole Church and especially for those in positions of leadership that they may reject defensiveness and secrecy, placing the safety and dignity of victims and survivors above concern for institutional reputation.

Lord in Your mercy

Priest:

Loving God, envelop all in your loving care who have suffered the pain and trauma of abuse. Help them to be able to love and trust again.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord

