

### **Prayer for ending violence against women**

God of love, compassion, and healing, we pray to you:

For women and girls who have experienced violent relationships, that they can find safety and healing from their trauma, and rebuild their lives;

For children who have witnessed violence in their homes against their mothers and sisters and other family members, that they will experience healing and hope;

For indigenous women and refugee women who have been impacted by extreme violence, that deep and lasting change will ensure their safety;

For individuals and organizations working to prevent violence against women and girls and help survivors of violence, that their courage and generosity will endure;

For men who speak out against forms of expression that demean women or condone violence against them, that their voices will grow stronger;

For the men and boys who have behaved violently towards women and girls that they will have a change of heart, repent in meaningful ways, and seek whatever help they need to lead changed lives.

God of love, we commend these prayers to you and for your compassion to flood the hearts of all people.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

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