

## Prayers for RISE UP campaign.

RISE UP Prayer for those in the dark places of gender abuse...

We pray for those experiencing the darkness of gender abuse  
for your compassion as we seek to **RESPOND** –  
for your wisdom as we become better **INFORMED** –  
for your gentleness as we try to **SUPPORT** –  
for your strength as we hope to **EMPOWER** –  
and the mark of your Holy Spirit that **UNITES** us together  
to work and **PRAY** unceasingly, until situations change  
and freedom, life and love is restored to all.

*Loving Lord,  
your care and love are ever present in our lives.  
We pray for our brothers and sisters throughout the world  
who live in situations of abuse and violence.  
Give them hope in their hopelessness;  
help them find strength in their weakness;  
grant them freedom from their oppression;  
transform their brokenness into wholeness;  
and heal their wounds, visible and invisible.  
Grant us all the courage and wisdom, grace and humility,  
to act at all times with compassion and care.  
And grant all who are harmed by abuse or coercion, peace through justice.  
This we ask in Jesus name. Amen.*

(Lesley Bayley, Mothers' Union, Ireland)

Loving Lord, we draw near in faith  
trusting not in the strength of our prayers  
but in your power to answer.

We pray for the work of our members worldwide to combat domestic abuse;  
for their highlighting of the issue, their petitioning of governments  
and their work with victims and survivors.

As a global family we embrace our mission to share your love  
through speaking out for the vulnerable.  
Help us play our part in creating a just and equal society.

Loving Lord, we draw near in faith.  
We pray for the dawn of a better world  
where all may live in safety. Amen

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