

## Sample Intercessory Prayers

### Intercessory Prayer 1

*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)*

### Intercessory Prayer 2

Lord Jesus,  
we pray for all to follow your example  
of treating women with equality and respect.

We pray for all who live in fear of violence  
and despair that life will ever change.  
Bring to an end their suffering;  
restore their sense of worth.

We pray for those who perpetrate abuse  
with no sense of guilt or shame.  
Bring to justice their actions;  
change their inner hearts.  
We pray against regimes  
that endorse violence against women.  
Shatter their evil influence;  
initiate a rule of decency.

Loving Lord,  
we pray for a better world  
where justice and peace may flourish. **Amen**     *MU 16 Days Resources 2014*

### Intercessory Prayer 3

Lord of justice and mercy,  
who has called us to be the body of Christ,  
use us as his hands and feet in the world;  
to raise awareness of what must be challenged,  
and to address the plight of the vulnerable.

We unite together across the world  
to champion the cause of justice  
and to offer up our prayers for all who  
are affected by gender-based violence. **Amen**  
*MU 16 Days resources, 2021*

#### Intercessory Prayer 4

Compassionate God,  
may those experiencing all forms of violence  
be given courage, hope and the means  
to break free from their abuse.

We pray for all who live in fear of violence  
and despair that life will ever change:  
Bring to an end their suffering;  
restore their sense of worth.

Bring to light deeds of abuse hidden in darkness,  
that they may find safety and refuge, free from fear.  
We pray for all to follow your example  
of treating women with equality and respect.

We pray for the dawn of a better world  
where justice and peace may flourish. **Amen**  
*2020 MU 16 Days Resources*

#### Intercessory Prayer 5

**United in resolve  
our voices join together  
to speak out for the voiceless,  
and proclaim the righteousness of God.**

God of justice and righteousness,  
use us to speak against domestic abuse  
with a clear and challenging voice  
in a world where the vulnerable strive to be heard.

May our voices be heard in places of influence

on behalf of those who suffer in silence.  
Make us strong and effective advocates  
for those whose voice is too weak to be heard.

**We worship our holy Lord;  
we pray for his kingdom on earth.  
May his justice set the captives free  
and his righteousness reign forever. Amen**  
*(MU Global Day prayers 2020)*

### Intercessory Prayer 6

**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**  
*(MU Global Day prayers 2020)*

### Intercessory Prayer 7

We worship you, the God of love:  
You hold the world in tender embrace,  
You feel the hurt and sorrow we bear,  
You comfort the wounded heart.

We thank you that in Jesus Christ  
You held women in high esteem,  
You understood their secret heartaches,  
You inspired their love and trust.

We praise you, the Spirit of truth:  
You uncover the lies and distortions,  
You name the violence in our hearts,  
You seek to transform the pain.

O God, we ask that you will reveal  
The persistent wrong in our lives,  
The reality we choose to ignore,  
The abuse we tolerate of other people.

Change our heart and our lives, we pray,  
That your image may grow in us  
And in those we love. Amen  
*MU 16 Days Resources, 2017*

### Intercessory Prayer 8

Loving Lord,  
hear our cries for justice  
and break the chains of abuse  
that all may live in safety.

Loving Lord,  
hear our cries for righteousness  
and break the chains of oppression  
that all may live in freedom

*We take a moment in the quiet to bring our own prayers to God.*

Loving Lord,  
hear our cries for mercy  
and break the chains of fear  
that all may live in peace. **Amen**  
*(MU 16 Days Resources, 2021)*