



Prayer doesn't change things.
God changes things in answer to prayer.
John Newton

Respond
Inform Unite
Support Pray
Empower



Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh Mothers' Union

Rising Up Against Domestic Violence Through Prayer
Sixteen Days: Saturday 25/11 – Sunday 10/12/2023

The place to which we belong to is special to us. There are many positive aspects about our town, village or townland but there are hidden and harmful things as well.

Read through these prayers then identify the places mentioned in your nearest town or village. Take this prayer resource then walk along the streets, stopping at the appropriate buildings and praying the relevant prayer.

You can take this prayer walk alone or in twos or threes. It is simply a matter of walking familiar streets and places but stopping to intercede for those who are under threat of gender based violence.

The Bible is full of stories of people on the move with God. As they prayed, so we pray. We know from the Scriptures and our own experience that God welcomes and listens to our prayers.

As we pray, we are encouraged by the words of the Psalmist:
*The Lord is near to the broken hearted
and saves the crushed in spirit. (34:18)*

Residential Area

Transforming Lord, We pray for all the residents of this place that their communities may be marked by peace and harmony. We ask for a spirit of good neighbourliness. For those who for whatever reason, live with despair, we pray that you would bring an end to their suffering, restore their sense of worth and fill them with the hope that only you can bring.

Generous God,
Please hear my prayer.

School

Creator God, We thank you for our children. We pray that as they grow, they would develop a healthy awareness of right and wrong. In their vulnerability we ask that you would keep them from those things which bring harm, especially at home. Watch over them, care for them in your love and teach them your ways. Bless all our teachers in this area. May our schools be happy, healthy and affirming places.

In the name of Jesus, friend of little children,
Please hear my prayer.

Medical Centre

Healing God, We ask you to bless all who work in this place. Grant them wisdom and compassion in their daily engagement with patients. Bring peace and reassurance to all who visit this medical centre, particularly those who endure turmoil because of the threatening behaviour of others. May they find assistance through their consultation and may they claim your everlasting love as their protection.

In the name of the Galilean Healer,
Please hear my prayer.

Garda Station

Merciful God, Bless those whose work encompasses the abused and the abuser. Grant the Gardai and Judicial workers, wisdom and a proper sense of the appropriate interventions. Protect them as they protect the vulnerable. We also pray for the highly trained women in our Dioceses, committed to helping those in dire need by: accompanying victims to court, accessing financial support and finding accommodation where possible. Thank you for their expertise and bless them and the women they help.

All wise Father,
Please hear my prayer.

Railway Station/Bus Depot or Bus Stop

All Seeing God, We pray for those who have left their lands and homes because of repressive regimes. We think also of local women who have fled their homes as a result of domestic anger and coercion. We ask that you would replace the power of evil with your justice and mercy so that the displaced would find refuge in you.

Lord in your mercy,
Please hear my prayer.

Church

Loving Lord, We thank you for this church. May it be a safe and welcoming place for all who enter in. Enable those who worship you here to be salt and light in their families and among their neighbours and friends. Guide and bless those who minister here. Give them insight and wisdom when dealing with those who suffer.

In Jesus' Name,
Please hear my prayer.