

Respond
Inform
Support
Empower

Unite
Pray



RISE UP PRAYER

***'Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.'***

Martin Luther King Jnr

God of justice, peace, and compassion – Heavenly Father – creator and sustainer of all, we thank you that you gave yourself, your Son, to give every person the opportunity to turn from darkness to the light of your presence and love.

We know that all who endure cruelty and abuse are precious in your sight, that no tear falls without your knowledge and care, and we ask that they would all know your presence, strength, comfort, and wisdom – even in their fear, confusion, and pain.

We commit ourselves, all who have experience of abuse, all whose loved ones have experience of abuse and all of us who enjoy safety and peace in our relationships – to **RISE UP** against domestic abuse in all its forms.

We pray 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 to work, and to **PRAY**, unceasingly until situations change and freedom, life and love is restored to all. In your dear and powerful name, we cry out to you together. **Amen.**