

A PRAYER FOR *Healing*

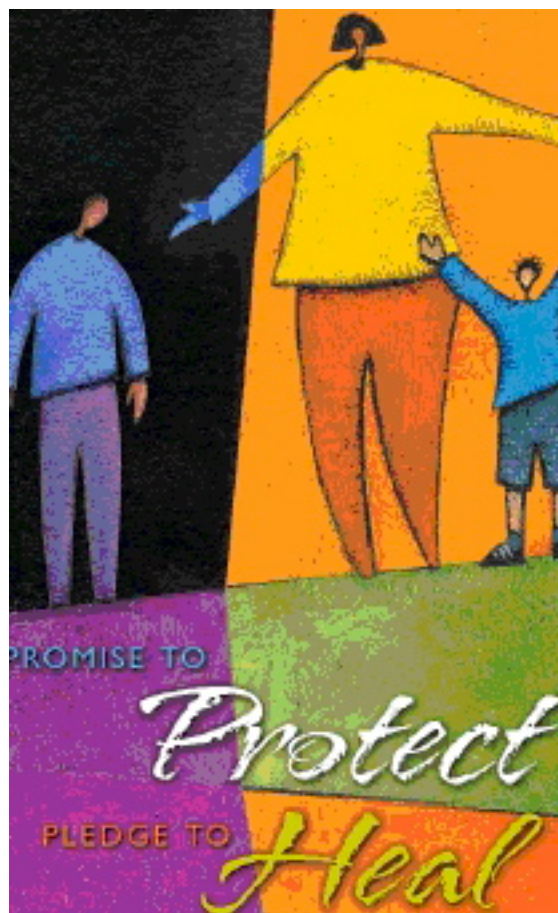
Victims of Abuse

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ever caring, ever strong,
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You gave your only Son
to save us by the blood of his cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
so that we may act with justice
and find peace in you.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



A Rosary for Healing & Protection of the Vulnerable Among Us, April 29, 2010

Prelude: Instrumental Music on the Celtic Harp

Gathering Song: Jesus, Heal Us, Gather 875

Opening Prayer: (together: "A Prayer for Victims of Abuse" –back page)

First Reading : Amos 5:4, 14-15, 21-24

Seek good & not evil, that you may live; then truly will the LORD, the God of hosts, be with you as you claim! Hate evil & love good, and let justice prevail at the gate; then it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will have pity on the remnant of Joseph. I hate, I spurn your feasts, says the LORD, I take no pleasure in your solemnities; your cereal offerings I will not accept, nor consider your stall-fed peace offerings. Away with your noisy songs! I will not listen to the melodies

of your harps. But if you would offer me holocausts, then let justice surge like water, and goodness like an unfailing stream.

Response: Our God is Compassion, Gather 138

Gospel Acclamation: Gather 187

Gospel Luke 7:36-50

A certain Pharisee invited Jesus to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee.

Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Rosary

Moment of Silence

Sprinkling Hymn: Come to the Water, Gather 502

A Litany for Healing

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

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Protect all children, Lord
Grant us the grace, Lord
Preserve our nation, Lord

With Your enduring love
To protect & nourish the innocent
To be chaste & pure in love

For children wounded & tearful
For children confused or alone
For children afraid or abandoned
For children beaten
For children who sleep in fear
For children afraid to go home
For children afraid of their
abusers
For children assaulted
For children whose innocence
has been stolen
For those who cannot trust, Lord
For those who cannot love, Lord
For those whose hearts are filled
with fear

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For the Church,
called to be the light of the world
For Bishops,
called to be Good Shepherds
Lord!
For Priests,
conformed to the person of Christ
For all ministers of the Church,
called to live the Gospel

Banish all darkness from her children, O Lord!
Make them vigilant defenders of the weak, O
Grant them purity and Christ-like love, O Lord!
Grant them a love of Christian virtues, O Lord!

For priests who abuse children
For parents or relatives
who abuse their children
For teachers & coaches
who abuse children
For all who abuse children
To doctors & therapists, Lord
To houses of healing & renewal, Lord
To men & women of the media, Lord
To lawyers & judges, Lord

Grant them repentance, O Lord!
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Grant compassion and skill
Grant wisdom and dedication
Grant a love for the truth alone
Grant wisdom and conviction

To those imprisoned for abuse, Lord

Grant repentance and healing

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us!

Saint Peter & Saint Paul

Pray for us!

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Pray for us!

Saint Brigid of Kildare

Pray for us!

All you holy saints

Pray for us!

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Closing Song: How Can I Keep From Singing, Gather 603

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