

PRAYERS FOR 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

There is one prayer for every day starting from 25th November to 10th December - would you please, if possible, pass to as many members as you can.

1. We link hands with each other as a sign of our solidarity with all who are affected by gender-based violence.

We reach out our hands as a sign of our unity with all who campaign for justice across the world.

**We stretch up our hands as a sign of our prayers for an end to all forms of violence and abuse.
Amen.**

2. During the Mothers Union 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence we draw near to the light of Christ who came to expose what is hidden in darkness; to deliver those suffering in silence and shame and to bring freedom from fear.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

3. God of justice, embolden us to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, that we may ensure justice for those being crushed.

From Proverbs 31:8

4. Loving Lord, help us to go out into the world to see, listen, and speak out, free those held captive, and provide healing and hope to the broken. Amen.

5. Loving Lord, make the perpetrators of any kind of abuse and violence see that it is ALWAYS wrong and NEVER acceptable. Amen.

6. Holy Father, help the abused and violated find someone to walk with them, to listen to them, to mentor them and to direct them to places of help.

7. God of Love, unlock the secrets and release from shame all those broken by sexual violence. Unlock the taboos and release the truth for all who are afraid to speak up. Unlock the hurt and release from pain all who need to be healed. We pray in the name of him whose transformational touch healed and brought new life. Amen.

8. Merciful God, use us to speak against social injustice with a clear and influential voice in a world where the vulnerable strive to be heard. Amen.
9. Forgive us Lord, when we hear neither your plea, nor the cries of your people. Amen.
10. Fill us Lord, with your dream of a just world and the help to keep going in playing our part, in your name. Amen.
11. Lord, help us to be silent for a moment so we can hear the cries of your people, some loud, some muffled, enduring violence in every area of our global community. Amen.
12. Dear Lord, we give thanks that Mothers' Union continues to pray for all who suffer from Gender Based Violence. We pray that people's attitudes towards GBV will be changed through our work and prayers. Female Genital Mutilation has received more press this year and it is good to read that some men are also campaigning against it. In Jesus name we pray that this and all violence may come to an end. Amen.
13. Free us, Lord, from the fears that bind us and from any sense of powerlessness. Amen.
14. Father we remember the poverty in the world. We pray for those addressing the issue by encouraging sustainability and self-sufficiency within communities. Amen.
15. Thank you Lord, for the influence Mothers' Union has with some governments and authorities. We pray that this will continue to grow and to be a force for good in challenging social and moral injustices. Amen.
16. *Loving Lord,
we offer up all these prayers
for all who are affected
by gender-based violence in which ever form.
May blighted lives be transformed
through the healing power of your Spirit.
Amen.*