Prayer for National Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Month, May 2025

Loving and Gracious God,

You have shown your love and extended your mercy to all people through your precious Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you that you are compassionate and merciful God in whom there is no darkness. We give thanks that through Jesus Christ, you bring us life, hope and salvation.

Today we particularly pray for all those who suffer due to domestic and family violence. We grieve the significant trauma created by violence in families and recognise the harm created not just through physical violence but other forms of abuse. We pray with sorrow when your word is used as a weapon to create an atmosphere of harm.

We pray for those seeking refuge from violence, that they will find safe homes. We pray for our churches, help them to be communities of help and protection. We pray for perpetrators of violence, that they will recognise the wickedness of their behaviour and repent.

God of all compassion and healing, we pray that victim survivors of domestic and family violence might be able to cling to your promises, looking to their eternal home, where all those trusting Jesus will be safe, free of harm, gathered in peace in the new heaven and new earth.

We pray this in Jesus' name,

Amen

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