

Prayer Topic:

A Prayer for People Who are Being Physically and Emotionally Abused

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 17, Hebrews 13:1-3, 15-16

Reflections of the Heart:

There is no victory for anyone in an abusive relationship, whether you are the victim or the abuser. God does not condone mistreatment of another human being - ever. His love and His Word compel Him to bring justice to the oppressed.

Scriptural Prayer:

Faithful Father, we know that Your heart grieves over the pain and suffering of those who are physically and emotionally abused. You are full of compassion, and we are thankful that just by virtue of Your name, You will vindicate them. Lord, we thank You for Your enduring love, for it never fails to reach the deepest root of our souls. We thank You and give you glory because we know that Your eyes are open and Your ears are attentive to all our prayers. The one thing we ask of You, the one thing we seek most, is to live in Your house all the days of our lives. We honor You for the glory of Your name. We worship You in the splendor of Your holiness.

Beloved Father, we the Body of Christ, believe that You will never fail or abandon those who have been physically or emotionally abused. We declare that no matter who their abusers are, or why they abused them, they will not become bound by bitterness toward them. We believe that the Holy Spirit will walk them through the process of healing and they will come out whole and complete. We decree that You will rescue them and their children and You will crush their oppressors. You will help those who have no one to defend them. We confess that You will redeem them from oppression and violence, for their lives are precious to You. In the Name of Jesus, we destroy the stronghold of violence and evil that has gripped the lives of the physically and emotionally abused. There is freedom for all of them in Jesus Christ Our Lord! Father, we know that You are more powerful than anyone else, no on can snatch them from Your hand!

List the names of those whom you personally know who are being (or have been) physically and emotionally abused. Ask the Holy Spirit how you can help them:

Holy Spirit, convict the hearts of those who victimize others with their angry, violent words and actions. Cause them to have godly sorrow about their ways and lead them to full repentance. Help those who have been victimized by physical and emotional abuse to be led to those who are anointed and qualified to help them heal. Teach all of us in the Body of Christ to love You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. Just as importantly, help us to love one another as we love ourselves. When people come forth confessing that they've been abused, strengthen us to reach out to them in love and understanding. Let them know that they are not at fault and that the Father loves them too much to allow their lives to be endangered. Expose those who try to manipulate and control others for their own benefit and bring them to justice swiftly.

Lord God, forgive us for our sins. Forgive those who turn their backs on the physically and emotionally abused. Forgive those who judge them and gossip about them. Forgive the abusers who lie and deceive in order to cover their actions. Forgive the civic and government leaders who have not enforced more laws that would keep victims of abuse safe. Lord, forgive me for **(list any sins that You have committed)**. Holy Spirit, remind the physically and emotionally abused of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show You names or faces of people that You may need to forgive. As He shows You, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in Your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help the physically and emotionally abused not to yield to temptation but deliver them from the evil one.

Exalted Father, Your voice echoes above the sea. You, the God of glory, thunder over the mighty sea. Your voice is powerful and majestic. You rule over the floodwaters and You reign as king forever! In Jesus' Name, amen.

Scripture References for the Written Text: II Chronicles 6:40, Psalm 29:2, Hebrews 13:5, Psalm 72:4, 12-14, Mark 12:31, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 29:3-4, 10

Today I will trust God to:
