

# Cry to Heaven!

## Communal Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse

Christ calls all of us to reach out to the victims of abuse in their time of need. **“Where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am among them.”** The Church’s faithful are asked to pray for victims of abuse, especially through Eucharistic Adoration Programs and Rosary/Prayer Groups. We need to let the victims and survivors of abuse know that they are surrounded by the prayers of their brothers and sisters in Christ...and that He is there among us too.



## Adoration

- Provide *Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse* prayer cards\* in chapel or Adoration resource table.
- Choose a day and/or hour of Adoration for the intention of the abused:
  - ✓ Begin/end hour saying *Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse*\* prayer aloud
  - ✓ Announce that the intention on that specific day and/or time of Adoration is for the abused
    - A note in the bulletin once a month/quarter (suggestion attached)
    - During announcements at Mass every so often (suggestion attached)
  - ✓ In the sign-in book for adorers, add a note below this time’s sign-in line: *Intention: Healing for victims of abuse*
  - ✓ If a Rosary is prayed aloud during this time, suggest to the leader that one of the intentions be for healing for victims of abuse.
- If the Adoration Program is not perpetual or is reposed for any time which includes a Benediction, include a prayer for the abused during or after Benediction.



## Rosary/Prayer Group

- Designate a meeting once a month or once a week (depending on how often you meet) for the Rosary/Prayer Group’s intention for prayer to be victims of abuse.
  - ✓ If appropriate for the group, have time for the participants to voice specific petitions for loved ones or friends who are victims/survivors of abuse.
  - ✓ Announce that the intention on that specific day and/or time of prayer is for the abused
    - A note in the bulletin once a month/quarter (suggestion attached)
    - During announcements at Mass every so often (suggestion attached)
- Pass out *A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse* prayer cards\* and say the prayer together before the Rosary or at the beginning/end of the prayer time.



## Suggested Announcements

### Adoration Programs

#### **Suggested Parish Bulletin announcement:**

##### *Cry to Heaven Prayer Program – [day/time]*

*Where two or more are gathered in my name, there I am among them.* Our Eucharistic Adoration Program has set aside time for prayer in Eucharistic Adoration for the intention of healing for victims of abuse. You are invited to join in this time of prayer so that victims of abuse may know we stand with them in their “cry to heaven” for peace and healing. Please meet in the [place of Adoration] at [time] on [day].

#### **Suggested Mass announcement:**

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### Rosary/Prayer Groups

#### **Suggested Parish Bulletin announcement:**

##### *Cry to Heaven Prayer Program – [day/time]*

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#### **Suggested Mass announcement:**

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