



# Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2016

## Prayers of the Faithful

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### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

For all people in abusive relationships. May they experience God's love and know that their abuse is not God's will. May they find in our parish community the courage and support to seek help, find safety, and free themselves from domestic violence.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

For children who are victims of abuse or are traumatized by witnessing violence in their homes. May they know that God loves them and receive comfort and assistance in our parish community.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

For the elderly who are abused. May they experience God's love and find the support and resources they need in our parish community.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

For teenagers in violent or controlling relationships. May they find in our parish the role models of kindness, care, and love that will show them how to recognize what a healthy and whole relationship should be.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

For all men and women who use power and control over other people, whether physically, verbally, emotionally, or financially. May they recognize their abusive behavior and find help, hope, and healing in our parish community.

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