

Prayer for survivors of abuse

Did I see you?

When I was hungry you broke bread with me.

When I was sick you sat by my bedside.

When I was in prison, you petitioned for my release.

When I was sexually assaulted, you listened to my pain.

When I was afraid to be alone, you stayed with me.

When I felt guilty and ashamed, you told me it was not my fault.

When I had to go to court, you went with me.

When I was filled with anger and hatred, you did not reject me.

When I was filled with sorrow and hopelessness, you held my hand.

When I kept my story secret for years, you understood why.

When I called on God for help, you came and helped me.

Prayer for male survivors of violence

God of Comfort:

We pray today for men and boys whose lives have been scarred by abuse and violence.

We pray for boys bullied and molested by people who should be their friends.

We pray for boys sexually abused and exploited by people they trust who should protect them.

We pray for boys who cry their tears alone with no one to comfort them.

We pray for men who have suffered physical assault and have fear as a constant companion.

We pray for men who have been sexually assaulted and who are not allowed by our society to name their victimization.

Jesus, teach our church to see your face in all men who suffer from the effects of violence. Amen.