

Suggested prayer for RISE UP at the Annual Gathering – September 2023

God of justice, peace and compassion,

Heavenly Father, Creator and sustainer of all,

We thank you that you gave yourself, your own Son, to give every person the opportunity to turn from darkness to the light of your presence and love.

We know that all those who endure cruelty and abuse are precious in your sight, that no tear falls without your knowledge and love, and we ask that they would know your presence, strength, comfort and wisdom – even in their fear, confusion and pain.

We commit ourselves, those who have experience of abuse, those whose loved ones have experience of abuse and those of us who enjoy safety and peace in our relationships – to RISE UP against domestic abuse in all its forms.

We pray -

for your compassion as we seek to RESPOND –

for your wisdom as we become better INFORMED –

for your gentleness as we try to SUPPORT –

for your strength as we hope to EMPOWER –

and the mark of your Holy Spirit that UNITES us together to work and PRAY unceasingly, until situations change and freedom, life and love is restored to all.

In your dear and powerful name we cry out to you together. Amen.