



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!' Isaiah 6:8

Ever Loving God, we thank you for the gift of families and the love, care and support we experience within them. This morning we are thinking about those families where there is the opposite; abuse, violence, hatred, fear and danger.

May we discern your will as we look at how to raise awareness and what part we can play in our local areas and churches.

Give us wisdom, listening ears and strength to be up to the task and a willingness to take on what you would have us do despite our own reservations.

Help us to learn to be brave, speak out where necessary, or listen and to be signposts.

God of justice and righteousness, use us to speak against domestic abuse with a clear and challenging voice in a world where the vulnerable strive to be heard.

May our voices be heard in places of influence on behalf of those who suffer in silence. Make us strong and effective advocates for those whose voice is too weak to be heard.

Holy Spirit fill us with new resolve to challenge unacceptable mindsets and actions and to champion the cause of righteousness in the name of Christ.

Amen