# National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse, 2025

## Intercessions

The following are examples of Intercessions that you might use or adapt at Mass or as part of special liturgy.

We pray for survivors of abuse.

May they find people who will listen to the accounts of their experiences with love and compassion. Through this listening may they find healing and hope.

We pray for safeguarding coordinators, the police, teachers, medical staff – and all those who may be the first point of contact for someone wanting to tell their story but afraid or not knowing where to begin.

May they recognise the moment and the opportunity they have to help someone take the first step on their journey towards hope.

We pray for counsellors, spiritual directors, clergy – and all who will walk alongside a victim on their road towards survivor.

May their listening be attentive and healing – and may they draw the strength and encouragement they need to accompany those who have suffered deeply.

We pray for ourselves – for those of us who have suffered abuse but feel that we have put it behind us – for those of us who suspect abuse but do not know what to do about it – for those supporting survivors in our family or friends – for all those doing quiet work to bring healing to those who have been hurt.

May we trust that we are all called to this work of healing whether through our prayer and our listening.