

# 2023

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Launch

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**DEAR SPIRIT –**

**ASKING FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AS WE PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. LET OUR SPIRITS BE AWARE OF THEIR INNER CRIES FOR HELP AND AN END TO THE CYCLE.**

**WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO BE AFRAID TO BE IN YOUR HOME, WAITING FOR AN ENCOUNTER TO START OR TO CEASE? WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN SUCH A STATE.**

**WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO BE AFRAID TO CLOSE YOUR EYES AT NIGHT CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR OWN SAFETY FROM THE ABUSER WHO LIVES IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD? WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN SUCH A STATE.**

**WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO BE A CHILD AND WITNESS THE ABUSE OF A PARENT OR ELDER FOR NO UNDERSTANDABLE REASON WITHOUT IT INFECTING OUR OWN PSYCHE? WE PRAY FOR THOSE CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN SUCH A STATE.**

**WHAT DOES LIVING WITH THE EMBARRASSMENT OF VISIBLE BRUISES AND BEATINGS FEEL LIKE? WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO UNDERGO THESE TYPES OF PHYSICAL TRAUMAS.**

**WE PRAY THAT NOT ONLY OUR AWARENESS OF THIS SOCIETAL TRAGEDY AND TRAUMA, BE RAISED, BUT OUR PRAYERS BE LIFTED TO YOU, SPIRIT, AS WE ASK FOR YOUR PROTECTION FOR THE VICTIMS, THE CHILDREN AND THE ABUSERS. AMEN.**

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