

# Prayers of the Faithful

We turn to our gracious Father and pray for all those who have suffered the pain of abuse.

1. We pray that all who have suffered abuse may experience Christ's presence in their lives and come to find him once again with restored confidence in the family of the Church. **Lord, hear us.**
2. We pray for families who have been greatly affected by these betrayals of trust. We pray that their confidence be renewed in the loving presence of Christ in his Church and her ministers. **Lord, hear us.**
3. We pray for priests and members of the Church who have been affected by the abuse scandal and whose faith has been shaken. **Lord, hear us.**
4. We pray that we may become more and more a community that actively cares for and protects the most vulnerable sections of our society, particularly our children. **Lord, hear us.**
5. We pray for those who have pastoral responsibility in the Church that they may have the strength and wisdom to exercise it after the mind of Christ himself. **Lord, hear us.**

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