

Prayer

75th anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Righteous God,
Thank you that humanity has agreed together to respect the dignity and human rights of all.
Bring our leaders the motivation to keep to the commitments made.
Give us all strength to uphold the rights of others and to challenge when these are denied.

Loving God,
whose heart breaks over the violence and abuse that we commit on each other,
rend our hearts and open our ears to hear the cry of the oppressed, abused and silenced.
Give us the courage to break the silence, shame and stigma of abuse
and work towards bringing violence of all kinds to an end.

God of compassion,
wrap your arms of love and protection around those who have been abused.
Break through the terror of fear and bring your light and hope in its place.
Restore a fullness of health and wholeness
to enable survivors to find joy in life once more.

God of Justice,
bring those who chose to abuse to account, with justice served.
Transform the hearts of those that do evil in your sight,
Turning their hearts towards you in true repentance,
And facing the consequences of what they have done.

Holy God, Righteous Judge, Loving Parent,
we humbly pray for your will be done, here on earth as in heaven,
in Jesus name, Amen

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