National Call for Unity 2010
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

FaithTrust Institute is a national, multifaith, multicultural training and education organization with global reach working to end sexual and domestic violence. As an organization of women and men from many faith traditions, cultures, and racial groups, they are committed to the equality of women and men and the empowerment of women, youth and children. The FaithTrust Institute cherishes and respects the unique contribution that each religious tradition brings to the work.

Intercessory prayer is simply defined as the act of praying on behalf of another or others. It can be seen as a “believing and preserving” prayer on behalf of another who desperately needs help or intervention.

With that in mind, during the National Call for Unity, the Rev. Dr. Aleese Moore-Orbih lead participants on the call in a group meditation and prayer for healing, strength, and continued courage.

Prayer for Continued Courage

Creator, sustainer, lover of our minds, bodies and souls:

We thank you that the power of your grace has brought so many women out of abusive relationships. We thank you that you continue to hold them in the palms of your hands protecting and sustaining them. We pray for continued healing of their body, mind and spirit that they might be totally free to live life abundantly.

We pray for those who remain trapped to receive help and support; that you would make a way out of no way.

We pray for the many children who live and have lived in violent homes; those who have witnessed their fathers and other men hurt their moms, aunts and sisters.

We pray for healing of their bodies, minds and spirits. We pray that they will not be shaped by violent environments, but by liberation, healing and justice and that they would transcend the oppression they have experienced.

Finally, we ask for continued courage to stand against all forms of oppression and violence in our world. We ask that you knit our hearts, vision and even strategies together across organizational lines to end violence against women and children.

In hope,
Amen

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