

What Can You Do?

PRAY.

Use this Guide to continue to pray about domestic violence; go to unitethechurch.org/ap4c for additional Prayer Guides about other ongoing issues. Pray about how you might be able to help.

LEARN.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0KNr7QqufA>
- www.womenslaw.org
- www.genesisshelter.org || (214) 946-4357
- www.familyplace.org
- www.gatehousegrapevine.com || (817) 912-0317
- www.dallasdvresources.org/index.php

SERVE.

- **Genesis Faith Community**—The Genesis Faith Community Coalition's mission is to unite and mobilize faith communities to respond effectively to domestic violence by spreading awareness and providing resources. Our hope is to see congregations and leaders join Genesis in recognizing abuse within the faith community and standing up on behalf of survivors. www.genesisshelter.org/faith
- Contact a domestic violence shelter and ask how you can get involved. There are many different volunteer opportunities including office work and help with fundraising. Most shelters also have wish-lists so you can help with material needs.

TELL.

Tell your friends, family, and co-workers about these needs and opportunities. Look at the resources above so you're ready to share helpful information with others as God puts it on your heart.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRAYER GUIDE

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.”
Ephesians 5:25-28

This prayer guide's topic is **Domestic Violence**

Did you know that 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime? In 2017, the National Domestic Violence Hotline documented 17,394 contacts from Texas and ranked Dallas #2 in terms of Hotline contact volume.

Most victims are women between the ages of 25-36 and experience 93% emotional/verbal abuse, 71% physical abuse, 27% financial abuse, 12% digital abuse and 10% sexual abuse. Any violation of the sacred marriage and family relationships always produces pain, but God promises to be close to the victim who suffers at the hands of an abuser.

Please prepare your heart before you begin to pray through the AP4C categories, so that these Scriptures and your time with God can renew your heart for our Metroplex.



AP4C model was established in collaboration with **Movement Day Greater Dallas** and is facilitated by **Unite**



All Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, NIV translation.

SALVATION

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice.” Isaiah 42: 1-3

- Pray that God continues to give strength and salvation to all victims of domestic violence.
- Pray for abusers to break the cycle of violence that prevents them from right relationships with God and their loved ones.
- Continue to pray for the salvation of people within your sphere of influence.

THE CHURCH

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.” James 1:19-20

- Pray for local churches and Christians to support shelters and other resources that care for domestic violence victims.
- Pray for believers to continue their faithful prayers for the freedom of these victims.
- Pray for pastors and church counselors to never counsel couples together in a domestic violence situation, because it puts the victim in more danger.
- Pray that our congregations will hold abusers accountable for their actions.

OUR COMMUNITIES

“This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.” Jeremiah 22:3

- Pray that the community will become more educated about domestic violence.
- Pray for females ages 25-36, who experience high rates of intimate partner violence.
- Pray for protection and guidance for victims as they try to ask for help.
- Pray for victims of potentially lethal situations that have never reached out to churches, shelters, DPD, or community advocates.
- Pray that pastors and church leaders turn to community experts for training and education on how to handle domestic violence situations.

TRANSFORMATION

“He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.” Psalm 72:14

- Pray that the system as a whole will work more effectively to better serve our victims in need.
- Pray that the Dallas Domestic Violence Taskforce will enforce new laws that reduce the lethality of domestic violence in our cities.
- Pray that the Dallas Domestic Violence Taskforce continues to bring together the DPD, the DA’s office, Municipal Judges, and community advocates to communicate and work together.
- Pray that continued community engagement and awareness will lower the rates of domestic violence in our city.