

SAMPLE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS FOR REPARATION AND HEALING:

The Diocese of San Jose called upon parishes to celebrate nine First Friday Masses as a Novena of Reparation and Healing. These are samplings of their nine sets of intercessions.

Use them as a guide to compose intercessions for your own parish. It would be good to include one intercession for Ash Wednesday and each of the Sundays of Lent.

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For victims of abuse, who have experienced isolation, fear, secrecy, deceit and darkness; for victims of the violation of trust and hope – that in the light of truth and compassion they may be restored to wholeness, we pray to the Lord.

For the families who share in their suffering, who have offered them shelter and support – that they may be steadfast in faith and hope, that God will comfort and strengthen them, we pray to the Lord.

For the whole church – that truth will set us free, that healing will restore our lives, that we will break the cycle of abuse, we pray to the Lord.

That throughout the whole world, whatever is weak may be strengthened, whatever is broken restored, whatever is lost found, and what is sinful redeemed, we pray to the Lord.

For the families of those who have been abused, for forgiveness, healing and peace – that in the light of truth and compassion they may be restored to wholeness, we pray to the Lord.

For the victims of abuse, for an openness of hearts and minds to speak the truth – that trust and hope, mercy and understanding will be restored, we pray to the Lord.

For the whole church – that truth will set us free, that healing will restore our lives, that we will break the cycle of abuse, we pray to the Lord.

For the local communities affected by situations of abuse, for families and friends of victims, for the families and friends of the abusers, for parish communities feeling the violation of trust and hope – that in the light of truth and compassion they may be restored to wholeness, we pray to the Lord.

For those who minister to the abused – that deceit will give way to understanding, that despair will give way to hope, we pray to the Lord.

For a sinful church seeking transformation, for church leaders called to reparation and renewal – that we will break the cycle of abuse, we pray to the Lord.

For those who have abused children, minors and adults – that they have true sorrow for the harm they have done, acknowledge their sin, break the cycle of abuse, and seek reparation, we pray to the Lord.

For the church in the United States – that truth will overcome silence, that commitment to the protection of the vulnerable will be a priority, that all who are abused and violated seek healing, we pray to the Lord.

For the faithful who continue to minister in the church – that all the baptized will commit themselves to lives of healing and reconciliation, compassion and hope, we pray to the Lord.

For the leaders of the church, for humility to accept the consequences of their past judgments and actions – that in the light of truth and compassion they will be just and honest in their dealings with the faithful and civil law, we pray to the Lord.