

Diocese of Scranton

Sample Intercessions for Atonement & Healing

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It is recommended to include at least one of these intercessions in the Universal Prayer each weekend.

1. For the victims of abuse at the hands of some members of the clergy, may they find healing, support, and peace within the Catholic community, we pray to the Lord.
2. For the families of abuse victims, that their compassionate concern may affect healing and that their strong advocacy may bring about change within the Church and society, we pray to the Lord.
3. For Pope Francis, for the bishops of the United States, and all the bishops of the world, that they may heed the promptings of the Holy Spirit and work to promote justice for all victims of sexual abuse, we pray to the Lord.
4. That those terrorized by sexual abuse, especially those abused by priests of our Diocese, may find the courage to come forward to authorities and find the peace and consolation they need, we pray to the Lord.
5. That the Church may be a safe refuge for all in need, especially those who suffer physical, mental and sexual abuse, we pray to the Lord.
6. That all members of the Church may commit themselves to protect children and the most vulnerable in our communities, we pray to the Lord.
7. For all those in parishes and dioceses who are responsible for safe environment training programs which promote the protection of children, we pray to the Lord.
8. For parents, teachers, catechists, youth ministers, and coaches, that they may be vigilant to the signs of trauma or abuse in all under their care, we pray to the Lord.
9. For psychologists and others in the medical profession who bring healing to those troubled by past abuse, we pray to the Lord.
10. That the voices of the Laity may be effective in influencing change in the governance of the Church, we pray to the Lord.
11. For all victims who have died from suicide as a result of their overwhelming anxiety caused by abuse, may they find solace in the embrace of their loving God, we pray to the Lord.
12. That during this darkest moment of its history, the Diocese of Scranton may hear the cries of those victimized by clergy and strive to eradicate all forms of abuse in the Church, we pray to the Lord.

13. For those who might abandon their faith due to scandal, may we continue to love them and welcome them home, we pray to the Lord.
14. For the clergy who have been found guilty of abusing children, especially those from our Diocese, that they will make reparation for their sin and find forgiveness in God's unbounded mercy, we pray to the Lord.
15. For children abused or neglected, and parents in difficulty or danger, that this Christian community may offer gifts of care and advocacy, intervention and support, we pray to the Lord.
16. That those who have been robbed of innocence and joy by the abuse of others, especially those sexually abused by the clergy of our Diocese throughout the years, may find the love of the Good Shepherd in all who care for them, we pray to the Lord.
17. For all children who are victims of the evils that come from the human heart: May they find healing for their pain and hope for their future through the love that Christ commands, we pray to the Lord.
18. That the Church of Scranton may experience a time of healing and atonement by acknowledging the appalling sins of our past, seeking forgiveness from victims, striving to offer them our support, and ensuring the safety of all those who serve in the Church, we pray to the Lord.
19. That those who have left the Church over the sexual abuse crisis may still personally seek to follow Christ, and that all of the faithful may work towards regaining their trust and rebuilding the Church, we pray to the Lord.
20. For the victims of sexual abuse and their families, that they may know the healing love of all the members of the Body of Christ, we pray to the Lord.