

Diocese of Scranton

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**Prayer for Healing**

**for**

**Victims of Abuse**

**God of endless love, ever caring,**

**ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by the blood of his cross.**

**Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,**

**join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.**

**Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,  
soothe restless hearts with hope,  
steady shaken spirits with faith:  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness, enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.**

**Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,  
heal your people’s wounds and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom,**

**humility and grace, so that we may act with justice and find peace in you.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*