

PRAYER
TO END VIOLENCE
AGAINST GIRLS AND WOMEN



Lord of all, help us to be silent for a moment so we can hear the cries of girls and women, some loud, many muffled, enduring violence in every area of our global community.

Help us to be still for a moment, so we can recognize the terror on the faces of ten-year-old school girls raped in the Congo, girls of fourteen in Pakistan shot for wanting an education, eighteen-year-old sex slaves in Europe, U.S. college students struck by boyfriends, young wives in India threatened with burning, battered women in every country.

Help us to take the time to reflect on the fact that the majority of human rights violations across Your world are acts of violence toward women. The roots of such hatred are deep and tangled, and justice is long overdue.

We ask your help to act so we may become agents of transformation, willing to work to change systems and structures that have fostered and allowed such violence to continue, to this day, in the human community.

All humans, women and men, are made in Your image and likeness, and have immeasurable dignity.

Help us, for a moment to be silent and still so we can recognize You in the face of every girl and every woman.