

2023 MONTHLY GENERAL INTERCESSIONS FROM AWAKE MILWAUKEE

Awake is honored to provide these prayers for abuse survivors and for healing in our wounded Church. We hope you will consider including these petitions in the Prayer of the Faithful at your parish liturgies.

A few notes:

- These petitions are designed to be used during any weekend of the month. While some petitions are specific to a particular month or season, many petitions could be used at any time of the year.
- These intercessions are written in the form “For ____, that ____.” Feel free to modify this wording if your community typically uses a different phrasing for your petitions.
- You might choose to use “abuse” rather than “sexual abuse,” particularly at liturgies with many young children.
- If you have questions or feedback about these petitions, please contact Awake’s executive director Sara Larson at saralarson@awakemilwaukee.org.

January

For all who have experienced sexual abuse by Catholic leaders, that the God of compassion may grant them healing, justice, and peace

February

For abuse survivors and their loved ones who are part of this parish, that they may find in us a compassionate community ready to walk with them in their struggles

March

For religious leaders who have perpetrated or enabled abuse, that they may experience true repentance and that those they have harmed may find justice and healing

April

For all young people during this National Child Abuse Prevention Month, that they may be cherished and protected in our Church, our families, and our communities

May

For those who have experienced sexual abuse as children, teens, or adults, that they may experience the hope of resurrection during this Easter season

June

For all survivors of clergy sexual abuse who struggle with their faith as a result of this trauma, that they may come to trust the gentle love of Jesus

July

For bishops, clergy, and lay leaders in our Church, that they may prioritize protection for all who are vulnerable and healing for those who have been harmed by abuse

August

For victim-survivors of clergy sexual abuse, as well as their family and friends, that they may experience consolation through the support of our Catholic community

September

For the clergy and lay faithful, that we may all grow in understanding and compassion for those who have experienced trauma, including abuse by Catholic leaders

October

For abuse survivors and the therapists, spiritual directors, advocates, and others who accompany them, that they may experience God's healing power through their work together

November

For victims of clergy sexual abuse who have succumbed to deaths of despair in the aftermath of their trauma, that they may find rest and peace in the compassionate embrace of God

December

For all who find this season difficult, including those who have experienced sexual abuse by religious leaders, that they may find support and compassion on their healing journey