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PRAYERS FOR A COMPANION
OF A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ABUSED

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Prayer of a companion of a person who has been abused

Loving God,
Give me what I need for this journey with *N*.
Come and help me with your compassion and your strength.
When *they* need to speak, help me to listen carefully,
and to wait patiently when *they* cannot find the words.

Help me to recognize *N*'s feelings,
to understand my own,
and not to add my worries to the burden *they are* carrying.
Give me courage for the days ahead,
wisdom to support *N* in *their* choices,
faith to pray for *them* throughout *their* journey,
and grace to persevere when people and processes move slowly,
and pain is prolonged.

[Show me how to love the Church for which Christ died
yet which has become a place of abuse and pain and grief].

Protect us with your power,
and bring us to healing and peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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God of grace,
come and help *M* as *they* walk with *N* in *their* search for healing.
When emotions run high, give understanding,
and the awareness of your presence.
When time drags or presses, give perseverance,
and the energy to respond to urgent need.
When the burden of care is heavy,
give the strength of Christ, and courage to take the next step.
When choices must be made, give insight,
and your wisdom to shape every decision.
When pain threatens to overwhelm faith,
give refreshment in prayer, and your strong Spirit,
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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