CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

- We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide Church leaders as they promote justice and healing for victims and survivors of abuse.
- * We pray for our Holy Father, that he may fulfill his role as good shepherd, and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.
- * May all civic leaders act in ways that show their commitment to the protection of all, especially children and young people.
- ❖ May all who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.
- We pray that all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.
- ❖ May those who have been abused experience Christ's profound love for them and God's healing grace.
- ❖ May God the Merciful Father bring comfort and healing to victims and survivors of sexual abuse within the Church.
- ❖ We pray that all who provide help for the abused may act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.
- ❖ We pray that God may grant those affected by abuse in anyway the courage to tell their story and seek healing.
- * May all priests and religious, through their teaching and witness, lead children and young people to holiness.
- ❖ We pray that the bishops continue to carry out their promise to protect, and pledge to heal, the most vulnerable in their dioceses.
- We pray that all parish communities affected by abuse find healing and reconciliation through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

