

God Speaks out Against Violence



RAVE seeks to shatter the silence surrounding abuse, particularly in families of faith. Our use of stained glass is a constant reminder that beauty can be borne out of brokenness. Jagged pieces of glass, rough to the touch, and piercing to the skin, can become something new. When violence strikes, chaos is created ... the glass is shattered into many pieces.

When the language of the spirit (words of religious comfort) infuses the language of contemporary culture (principles of safety, accountability and empowerment), new images can be created from broken pieces of glass.

Stained glass, long a symbol of the Christian Church, reveals that violence knows no religious boundaries. It happens within and beyond communities of faith. When violence strikes, many religious victims look first to their religious leader or spiritual support network for help.

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Team Mission

There is no place like home; when abuse strikes, there is no home.

RAVE seeks to equip religious leaders to respond to domestic violence ways that are compassionate, practical, and informed way by the latest

RAVE seeks to build bridges between the steeple and the shelter;

RAVE seeks to walk alongside victims and survivors on their journey towards healing and wholeness; and

RAVE seeks to hold abusers accountable for their actions, while offering hope for a transformed life.

Prayers that offer guidance...

The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want...
The Lord will direct my pathways
My coming in and my going out...
Thy word is a lamp unto our feet...
Yet, I am stumbling.
God of courage and wisdom
Pour into my heart
Strength
Resolve
Renewal
And direction for the way forward.

May the words of my mouth
And the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in your sight
Forever.

But,
I fall short.

I stumble.

I make mistakes.

And for all these things

I repent.

I turn, oh Lord, to you

Once again.

Help me to be stronger.

Guide me, Great Jehovah!

Please, be my guiding light

My strength

My true love

My everlasting portion

And protected from the glare of others by
the shadow of your wings

May I be able to see clearly the road I am
to follow.

Scripture that calls religious people to speak out:

Jeremiah 21:12

This is what the LORD says to you, house of David: " 'Administer justice every morning; rescue from the hands of their oppressors those who have been robbed, or my wrath will break out and burn like fire because of the evil you have done—burn with no one to quench it.

Selected scripture verses that bring comfort to those who are hurting:

Psalms 5:1-4

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Isaiah 40:10-11

See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

night with us, takin' turns...The police were there probably up to three hours every night...[yet] he was never once arrested. He pulled his pants down in the middle of the street and urinated at the police officer.

How Can We Help?

- We offer resources for churches
- Contact information about shelters throughout Canada and the United States
- How to cover your traces when surfing the web
- RAVE Bookstore
- Profiles of domestic violence leaders

Ideas on how to:

- Assist a victim looking for help
- Raise awareness in your church on abuse
- Partner with your community to stop violence
- Support the local shelter

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Need Help Now?

Call: