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All: God hear us as we lift up our prayers:

One: For a world without domestic violence,

All: We lift up our hopes and prayers for your peace

One: For all who suffer abuse within their homes

All: Compassionate one, we pray to you

One: For those who reach out to bring them healing;

All: Consoler and sustainer, we lift up our prayers

One: For those who give voice to break the silence;

All: Hear our voices, O God, we pray

One: For those who have the courage to break the cycle of violence

All: Our fortress and strength, we pray to you

One: For all people of faith who seek wisdom,

Show compassion,

And seek to live justly;

All: Creator of life, we lift up our prayers;

One: For all who open their eyes, ears and hearts

To be moved by the suffering

Caused by domestic violence in our world;

All: Our guide and our light, hear us now as we pray.

One: For all who offer places of healing, and voices of hope,

All: We give you thanks and praise.

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