



Prayer for a Community Impacted by the Current Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis

God of Mercy,

We stand together in shared shock,
Anger, grief, pain, and weariness,
Not sure where to turn, not sure what to say,
Not sure what to do to make things right.

We pray for all victims of sexual abuse,
And in a special way for all the victims whose lives
and faith were shattered,
First by a priest abuser,
And then again by the willful actions of our bishops,
our shepherds.

Let your healing flow into them;
Help us find ways to reach out to them and to their
families, to help in their healing, and to express our
sorrow for what they endured.

May their healing lead to our own.

And may your Holy Spirit show us a way forward
Out of this dark valley into the light of your love.