

National Call for Unity 2010 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

FaithTrust Institute is a national, multifait, multicultural training and education organization with global reach working to end sexual and domestic violence. As an organization of women and men from many faith traditions, cultures, and racial groups, they are committed to the equality of women and men and the empowerment of women, youth and children. The FaithTrust Institute cherishes and respects the unique contribution that each religious tradition brings to the work.

Intercessory prayer is simply defined as the act of praying on behalf of another or others. It can be seen as a “believing and preserving” prayer on behalf of another who desperately needs help or intervention.

With that in mind, during the National Call for Unity, the

Rev. Dr. Aleese Moore-Orbih

lead participants on the call

in a group meditation and

prayer for healing, strength, and

continued courage.

Prayer for Continued Courage

Creator, sustainer, lover of our minds,
bodies and souls:

We are grateful for strength,
determination, family, friends and
resources to continue this sacred work.
We thank you that evil will not prevail
but love and justice will.

We thank you that death does not have
the final word; that friends, colleagues,
sisters, mothers, daughters, nieces whose
earthly lives were stolen from us live on
in spirit in the work we do, the prayers
we offer and the compassion we share.

We thank you that the power of your
grace has brought so many women out
of abusive relationships. We thank you
that you continue to hold them in the
palms of your hands protecting and
sustaining them. We pray for continued
healing of their body, mind and spirit
that they might be totally free to live life
abundantly.

We pray for those who remain trapped to
receive help and support; that you would
make a way out of no way.

We pray for the many children who live
and have lived in violent homes; those
who have witnessed their fathers and
other men hurt their moms, aunts and
sisters.

We pray for healing
of their bodies, minds
and spirits. We pray
that they will not be
shaped by violent environments, but by
liberation, healing and justice and that
they would transcend the oppression
they have experienced.

Finally, we ask for continued courage
to stand against all forms of oppression
and violence in our world. We ask that
you knit out hearts, vision and even
strategies together across organizational
lines to end violence against women and
children.

In hope,
Amen

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