

## National Call for Unity 2010 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

FaithTrust Institute is a national, multifaith, 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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