

Juvenile Justice Week of Faith & Healing Prayers of Petition

1. For all government agencies that they may acknowledge the dignity of each child in their care and treat them with compassion and respect.
2. For all incarcerated juveniles who are separated from their families, may they know God's love and mercy.
3. For those victimized by crime, may God's love and grace give them the strength to heal and the willingness to forgive.
4. For friends and family members who suffer in the face of crime and incarceration, may peace and comfort fill their hearts.
5. For all of us that we may join in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of other faiths that we may embrace the opportunity to grow in peace and friendship with them and join this common cause to help our incarcerated youth.
6. For all chaplains and volunteers who minister to incarcerated youth, to their families, and victims of crime that we may remain faithful to our call and continue with the strength that only God provides.
7. For correction staff, those responsible for incarcerated youth, may they care for them as children of God with delicacy, grace and wisdom.
8. For all of us, may God's presence in our lives remind us of those who suffer physically, emotionally. and that we may not forget the past, but build together, a future based on love, forgiveness and understanding for all of our youth.