

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Office of Safeguard the Children
Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 2020



“United Together in Prayer”

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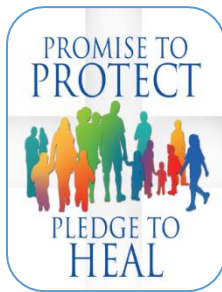
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
UNITED TOGETHER IN PRAYER

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month during April, we are reminded daily that the healing journey for child sexual abuse victim-survivors, and their families, is a long and arduous one. Each of us, as members of our Catholic community, can contribute to their healing by remembering all those impacted by childhood sexual abuse in our prayers. We ask you to commit as a parish or school community to participate in one of the following ways:

USCCB Nine - Day Novena for Protection and Healing from Abuse

United "Together in Prayer" Sunday, April 26th

EACH PARTICIPATING PARISH OR SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE:
(2) FREE LABELS FOR DECORATING YOUR PRAYER CANDLE
(25) FREE PRAYER CARDS / (100) FREE KEEPING KIDS SAFE STICKERS



STICKER SIZE "3.5 x 5.5"



(SAMPLE)

CANDLE NOT INCLUDED



STICKER SIZE "3.5 x 5.5"

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USCCB NINE DAY NOVENA FOR PROTECTION AND HEALING OF ABUSE

APRIL 18TH – 26TH

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month. While dioceses work year-round to prevent abuse, during this month a special emphasis is placed on the importance of learning how to protect the vulnerable from this evil.

Together, for the next nine days, let's pray that the vulnerable are protected from abuse, and that survivors of abuse may be accompanied on their paths to healing.

Novena for Protection and Healing from Abuse

Intercessions

- Day 1:** May the most vulnerable be protected from all types of abuse and exploitation.
- Day 2:** May those who have been sexually abused receive comfort and healing.
- Day 3:** May those who work with children and young people be vigilant in protecting them from harm.
- Day 4:** May those who provide help for the abused act with wisdom and compassion in their healing ministries.
- Day 5:** May all families strive to provide safe and nurturing environments for children and young people.

Day 6: May all those who have committed abuse acknowledge the harm they have done, repent, and accept justice that ultimately comes from God.

Day 7: May those who have been abused receive the courage to tell their story, and may they be believed and supported.

Day 8: May Church leaders, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, promote justice and healing for survivors of abuse.

Day 9: May our Holy Father, Pope Francis, fulfill his role as good shepherd and protect the most vulnerable in his flock.

Prayers

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be, Prayer for Healing

Prayer for Healing

God of endless love,
ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just:
You gave your only Son
to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,
join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt
in body, mind, and spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in
them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters
who have been gravely harmed,
and the cries of those who love them.

Soothe their restless hearts with
hope,
steady their shaken spirits with
faith.
Grant them justice for their cause,
enlightened by your truth.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds
and transform brokenness into wholeness.
Grant us the courage and wisdom,
humility and grace, to act with justice.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.
Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



“UNITED TOGETHER IN PRAYER”
SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020



Candle Lighting “A Prayer for Healing”

Decorate a special prayer candle to be placed in a Sanctuary and lit every Sunday during April. It can also be used on “United Together in Prayer” Sunday on April 26, 2020, as we join together, throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, to pray for healing.

The “A Prayer for Healing” is to be prayed together by the congregation on April 26th. You may make copies of “A Prayer for Healing” from the sample below or you may order prayer cards.



A Prayer for Healing
(English)

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people’s wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



Una Oración de Sanación
(Spanish)

Espíritu Santo, consolador de corazones, cura las heridas de tus hijos e hijas y devuelve la integridad a lo que ha sido quebrantado.

Concédenos el valor y la sabiduría, la humildad y la gracia, para actuar con justicia.

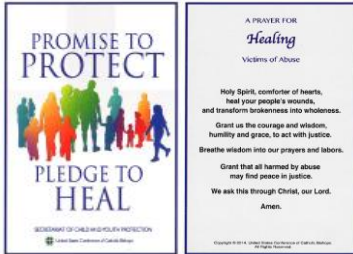
Sopla tu sabiduría u la gracia, para actuar con justicia.

Que todos los que han sido heridos por el abuso encuentren paz y justicia.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.

Amén.

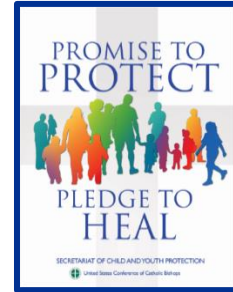
2020 CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
PRAYER CARDS & STICKERS ORDER FORM



Prayer Card
(English & Spanish)



Stickers
(English Only)



Poster
(English & Spanish)

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<p>PRAYER CARD “Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal” (Available in English and Spanish: \$0.10 ea.)</p>	<p>QUANTITY: English: _____ Spanish: _____</p>
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<p>STICKERS “Keeping Kids Safe” (Available in English Only: \$3.50 ea. Rolls of 100)</p>	<p>QUANTITY: English: _____</p>
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<p>POSTER “Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal” (Available in English and Spanish: \$1.00 ea.)</p>	<p>QUANTITY: English: _____ Spanish: _____</p>
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PETITIONS FOR APRIL

First Sunday of April 4-5

As we celebrate National Child Abuse Prevention Month, may our commitment to protecting our children and young people from child sexual abuse grow ever stronger in our churches, homes, communities and the world. We pray to the Lord.

Al celebrar el Mes Nacional de la Prevención del Abuso de Niños, que nuestro compromiso de proteger a nuestros niños y jóvenes de todas las formas de abuso sexual, crezca más fuerte en nuestras iglesias, hogares, comunidades y en el mundo. Roguemos al Señor.

Easter Sunday April 11 – 12

That the Easter promise of new life will fill the hearts and minds of those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pray to the Lord.

Que la promesa de Pascua de una nueva vida llene los corazones y mentes de aquellos que sufren en cuerpo, mente o espíritu. Roguemos al Señor.

Third Sunday of April 18-19

For survivors of abuse, and for their families and friends who support them, that God's providence will lead them to peace and wholeness. We pray to the Lord.

Por los sobrevivientes del abuso y sus familias y amistades que los apoyan, que la providencia de Dios los lleve a la paz y la integridad. Roguemos al Señor.

We pray that our bishops, church leaders, and the faithful will promote justice and healing for victims and survivors of abuse; as we commit to protect the most vulnerable among us, our children, young people and vulnerable adults. We pray to the Lord

Oremos para que nuestros obispos, líderes de la iglesia y los fieles promuevan la justicia y sanación de las víctimas y sobrevivientes del abuso; en cual nos comprometemos a proteger a los más vulnerables entre nosotros, nuestros niños, jóvenes y los adultos vulnerables. Roguemos al Señor.

Fourth Sunday of April 25-26

That victims of abuse, in the embrace of the Church, find the joy and peace of the risen Christ. We pray to the Lord.

Que las víctimas del abuso, en la ternura de la iglesia encuentren la alegría y la paz del Cristo resucitado. Roguemos al Señor.

For all who have suffered sexual abuse; may they find in Jesus the healing comfort they seek. We pray to the Lord.

Por todos los que han sufrido abuso sexual; que puedan encontrar en Jesús la sanación y la paz que buscan. Roguemos al Señor.

“DID YOU KNOW?” FOR APRIL 2020
ANUNCIOS “¿SABÍA USTED?” PARA EL BOLETÍN DE ABRIL 2020

April 4 – 5

DID YOU KNOW?

“United Together in Prayer” Campaign

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Safeguard the Children has created the 2020 Child Abuse Prevention Resource Packet. Our theme this year is “United Together in Prayer.” We invite you to join us in transforming awareness into action by participating in a special nine-day Novena for Protecting and Healing from Abuse. For more information about the Novena and resources, including prayer candle stickers, prayer cards, parent and children’s activities, email: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

¿SABIA USTED?

Campaña “Unidos en oración”

Honrando el Mes Nacional para la Prevención del Abuso Infantil este abril, la Oficina de Protección de los Niños de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, ha creado el Paquete de Recursos de Prevención del Abuso Infantil 2020. Nuestro tema este año es “Unidos en oración”. Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros para transformar la concientización en acción, participando durante nueve días en un Novenario especial para Protección y Sanación del Abuso. Para más información sobre el Novenario y los recursos, incluyendo calcomanía o “stickers” de velas de oración, tarjetas de oración y actividades para padres de familia y niños, escriba a <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

April 11 – 12

DID YOU KNOW?

The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese has created a new website, LACatholics, to serve as a comprehensive resource containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> for help and support.

¿SABIA USTED?

La Arquidiócesis sigue ayudando a sobrevivientes de abuso sexual y a sus familias

Durante el Mes Nacional para la Prevención del Abuso Infantil, y en nombre del Arzobispo José H. Gomez, reafirmamos nuestro compromiso permanente para reportar alegaciones de mala conducta sexual a las agencias policiales, para apoyar a las víctimas-sobrevivientes en su recorrido de sanación, y proteger a los niños y a los vulnerables. La Arquidiócesis ha creado un nuevo sitio web, LACatholics, que sirve como un instrumento integral que contiene recursos, programas y servicios para proteger a los niños y reportar abusos. Si usted, o alguien que usted conozca, es víctima de mala conducta sexual por alguien afiliado a nuestra Iglesia, por favor contacte a las agencias policiales y a la Coordinadora de la Oficina de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Arquidiócesis, al 213-637-7650, o visite <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/>, para obtener ayuda y apoyo.

April 18 – 19

DID YOU KNOW?

2020 - 2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse Brochure

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the *Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse* brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the 2020 – 2021 brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online if you visit: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>

¿SABIA USTED?

Folleto Trabajando juntos para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil del 2020-2021

La Oficina de Protección de los Niños de la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles anualmente publica el folleto *Trabajando juntos para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil del 2020-2021*, el cual ofrece una lista actualizada de políticas, programas, recursos, números de contacto y otra información importante sobre lo que la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles está haciendo para prevenir el abuso sexual infantil. Copias del folleto del 2020-2021 están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la parroquia o en línea si visita <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>

April 25 - 26

DID YOU KNOW?

United Together in Prayer

We ask you, as the People of God, to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse today, Sunday, April 26, 2020.

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice.

Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

¿SABIA USTED?

Unidos en oración

Les pedimos a ustedes, como el Pueblo de Dios, que se unan a la oración especial para las víctimas de abuso sexual infantil hoy, domingo 26 de abril del 2020.

Espíritu Santo, alentador de corazones, sana las heridas de tus hijas e hijos y transforma su fragilidad en integridad.

Concédenos el valor y la sabiduría, la humildad y la gracia para actuar con justicia.

Infunde tu sabiduría en nuestras oraciones y acciones.

Permite que todos los que han sido lastimados por el abuso encuentren la paz en la justicia.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor.

Amén.

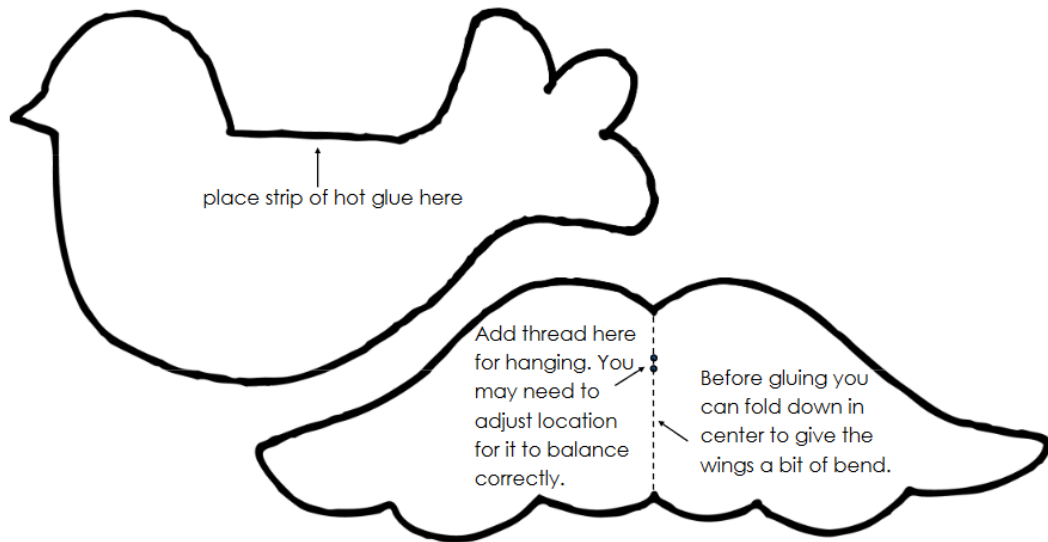
United Together in Prayer
Dove Coloring Page



United Together in Prayer

Cut Out Dove

Cut out pattern and trace onto any color foam sheet or stock paper. Cut out just inside the drawn lines so they do not show on the dove. Attach a thread into the center of the wings for hanging, then place a thin line of hot glue on the top of flat area of the dove and lay the centered wing piece onto it. You can also attach a charm or bead to the bottom of the dove if desired.



Additional Child Abuse Prevention Month Ideas:

Rosary for Healing and Protection

- The USCCB's *Rosary for Healing and Protection* in two ways in which we support victim-survivors regularly through prayer. Both can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/upload/Rosary-for-Healing-Printable.pdf>

The following is an example of a reflection from the Rosary's Sorrowful Mystery, the Agony in the Garden:

“Many victims of child sexual abuse suffer in silence for years, wrestling alone with the agony of their memories and pain. We pray that the Church may always be a place where they can come to share their stories, be received in love and compassion, and be supported on the path to healing.”

For more resources and information please visit the USCCB website at: <http://www.usccb.org/>

Healing Pinwheel or Dove Garden



Child Abuse Prevention Month Table





ORDER FORM



2020 -2021
“Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse”
Brochure

Available for Free in English and Spanish

The new 2020 - 2021 “Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse” brochure contains an introductory letter from Archbishop José H. Gomez and current information about the Safe Environment Offices, Programs, Resources, Policies and Procedures. This new brochure should be distributed to all parish/school staff, parishioners, parents, volunteers, etc., during the Month of April. Copies should also be available in the vestibule of each church.

Please discard all 2019 - 2020 brochures immediately.

Order Form

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Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse (English) **Quantity:**

Trabajando Juntos Para Prevenir el Abuso Sexual (Spanish) **Cantidad:**

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