



Prayer for the International Women's Day March 8, 2023

(Schools and youth)

Lord God, mercy as well as judgement belong to you. When we lift our eyes to see how the way women and girls are treated unfairly, cast aside, used, abused and overlooked in the world and the Church, it is difficult not to be hardened by judgement and anger. Our eyes look to you for mercy and our hearts long for your justice.

We pray that girls and women would find refuge in your Word, and they would see themselves as your story.

Lift the heads of women and girls who are low in spirit, trapped in abusive relationship, whose financial, physical, mental and sexual status are being compromised in the hands of men and those who take advantage of them.

Holy Spirit, breathe life into souls and draw close to them.

Teach young boys and men to engage themselves in true unity to bring your kingdom here.

Restore the dignity of your created young girls and women, who have been abused, deprived of their gifts, cut off from safety, removed from home, starved of companionship and betrayed by the ones they trust.

Give us the wisdom to see what we can change and the strength to endure, as you restore balance with us.

All this we ask of you, not for our glory or for our good, not for our power but for your greater glory. Amen.

