**Liturgical Resources for Anglican Diocese of Polynesia**

**Sentence**

God has told you what is good and what is it that God asks of you? Only to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly before your God. (Micah 6:8)

**Collect**

Give us the courage O God to do what is good as we seek peace for our families and our world.

May our actions for justice bring change to victim/survivors of violence wherever they are; may our love of mercy translate into services that will support the lives of victim/ survivors of violence. And remind us that the power, status and sense of privilege that leads to violence must be left behind if we are to truly walk humbly before you.

**Prayer of Intercession**

Sisters and brothers, we acknowledge that violence exists in families in our land, and we commit ourselves to exposing that violence and freeing those who suffer such violence from its

crippling effects. Therefore, let us pray.

For children who suffer pain, degradation, and rejection from those responsible for their care,

**Grant them safety and protection, Lord.**

For parents who suffer the anguish of their failures as parents,

**Grant them insight and healing, Lord.**

For women who are abused and battered by those who profess to love them,

**Grant them strength and courage, Lord.**

For men who batter those they love,

**Grant them the repentance which can change their lives, Lord.**

For all those who suffer violence in their families,

**Grant them love, solace, and healing, Lord.**

For all Christians and people of good will,

**Grant them openness to and compassion for those who suffer family violence, Lord**.

Hear our prayers this day as we ‘break the silence’ on family violence

**Grant us the courage to say NO to violence that we may have peaceful families and a peaceful world. Amen**

**Blessing and Sending Forth**

God bless you with insight to recognise violence in all its forms, and courage to name it speaking out for justice.

The Lord Jesus bless you with compassion for the vulnerable, and grace to stand with them, sharing his strength.

The Holy Spirit bless you with a prayerful heart, and power to breathe peace, transforming the world.

The blessing of the holy Trinity, eternal Wisdom, living Word, abiding Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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