

Compassionate God, we pray for the victims of gender-based violence and abuse all over the world. Hold all women who feel trapped, unsafe, and who live in fear, in your loving arms.

**We pray for a world where every person can feel safe, secure, loved and cherished.**

Caring God, we pray for those who have escaped violence and abuse. Be with them as they rebuild their lives and make your love and presence known.

**Lord, give them the courage and strength to take the next steps.**

Creator God, we pray for projects that are changing women's lives. While the work is hard we pray that these project leaders feel your encouragement and empowerment in everything they do.

**We pray for their success, expansion, and creativity in meeting the needs of women where they are.**

Passionate God, we pray for female leaders around the world, for the trailblazers, and freedom fighters – fearless women who are paving the way for the next generation.

**We pray that you sustain their passion for change and give them the energy to keep going, no matter what gets in their way.**

Encouraging God, we pray for those coming alongside women, supporting them, encouraging them, speaking out for them and giving them space.

**Lord, give more people the strength to stand up for what is right and speak truth to power.**

Enabling God, we pray for Methodist Women in Britain as it celebrates its ten-year anniversary.

**We pray for its leaders and members as they continue to engage in creative spirituality, fundraising, challenging injustice and supporting women around the world.**

Gracious God, in this time of quiet we bring before you all the women we have spoken about today, all those who have touched our lives and all those who have made a change in the world.

(Silence)

Lord, remind them that they are loved and admired in all that they do. In a time of silent prayer, we pray for others on our hearts today.

(Silence)

May they know your love, peace and power.

**Loving God, who knows all our prayers, hold all those who inspire and care for us now and always. These prayers we ask in Jesus name.**

**Amen**