

Victimization

Scripture Praise Focus: *“The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.” (Psalm 145:17-19)*

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you that you hear the cries of students on our campuses who have been victimized or exploited in any way.

We ask that you surround them with assurances that in the midst of their worst experiences, you were there with them and understand their pain. Even in the darkest places of their mind, you are there to comfort them. May they experience the truth of Psalm 91:15-16 that when they call on you, you will answer.

May they feel the healing power of your love.

Lord, we ask that you reveal to our college students any feelings of shame, guilt, abandonment, rejection or self-hatred resulting from experiences of being exploited.

Give to each one the will to release those negative feelings into your loving hands. Enable them to forgive the perpetrators of the injustices they may have suffered.

Reveal to them that without Christ this is impossible. We pray that through Christ's help, they would release the tether of unforgiveness that may keep them in chains.

Give them the ability to honestly admit to the ways they have allowed the past to encroach on their lives. “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free....” Galatians 5:1 We pray that they would know Christ and the power of his resurrection.

Father, we ask that you would place knowledgeable and caring Christian friends and/or counselors alongside students who are having difficulty coping with college life due to past abuses.

Make available appropriate services on the campus and through Christ-based ministry programs to help students navigate through difficult emotions. Bring intercessors alongside them, as well, to stand in the gap on their behalf.

Put a watch over their own behavior so that those who have experienced being victims do not themselves become victimizers due to emotional damage. We also pray that you keep the campus safe from those who would exploit our students in any way.

Father, we thank you in Jesus’ name in advance for answering our prayers concerning those students hurt from exploitation and protecting them from future evil. We thank you that your heart is near to the broken-hearted and those crushed in spirit.

We pray this prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen!

Song for meditation: You are my Shield by Hillsong