



### A PRAYER FOR TORTURE AWARENESS MONTH

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we confess that too often your children violate one another,  
inflicting hurt and harm on each other.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who endure torture.  
May they experience your healing presence and care,  
binding the wounds they endure.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who inflict torture.  
May they experience your healing presence and care,  
binding the wounds they receive as they wound others.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who authorize torture.  
May they experience your healing presence and care,  
breaking the hold of fear and anger upon them.

We pray for ourselves acknowledging our responsibility for acts  
of torture.

May we experience your healing presence and care:  
leading us to learn the realities of torture,  
leading us to pray and study,  
leading us to come together for dialogue,  
leading us to speak for the end of torture in our country and  
around your world.

Amen.

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