

Liturgical Resources

Domestic Violence Awareness can be emphasized, at the following points in the celebration of the liturgy:

- Introductory comments at the beginning of Mass
- General Intercessions (See Sample Intercessions)
- Homily
- Selection of Music (See Music Suggestions)
- Announcements after Communion

In Homilies

Include a reference to domestic violence when appropriate. Just a mention of domestic violence lets abused women know that someone cares. Describe what abuse is so that women begin to recognize and name what is happening to them.

Below are links to sample homilies:

USCCB: <http://nccbuscc.org/laity/women/homilies.shtml>

Dominican Life:

http://www.domlife.org/PreachingResources/Preaching_DomesticViolence.html

Preachers Exchange: http://preacherexchange.com/jp_sermonondomesticviolence.htm

Presidential Prayers

The following presidential prayers highlight the theme of peacemaking and may be used, when permitted, in connection with weekday Eucharistic celebrations. Some of these prayers can also be adapted to be used as prayers for peace outside Mass. The following prayers are found in the "Masses for Various Needs and Occasions" in the *Roman Missal*.

- Mass for the Progress of Peoples (No. 29)
- Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (No. 30)
- Mass for In Any Need (No. 48A)
- Mass for Promoting Harmony (No. 15)
- Mass for the Family (No. 12)
- Mass for Reconciliation (16)

Rituals and Blessings

Blessings from the *Book of Blessing*:

- Blessing of Person Suffering From Addiction
- Blessing of a Victim of Crime or Oppression
- Organizations Concerned with Public Need

The following may be used at the end of Mass and are found in the *Roman Missal*.

1. Solemn Blessings: No. 9, Ordinary Time I, P. 679, and No. 12, Ordinary Time IV p.680
2. Prayers Over the People: No. 11, p. 686, No. 19, p. 688 and No. 23, p. 688)