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The Pledge of Allegiance



**“I pledge allegiance
to the Flag of the
United States of America
and to the Republic for
which it stands, one
nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty
and justice for all.”**

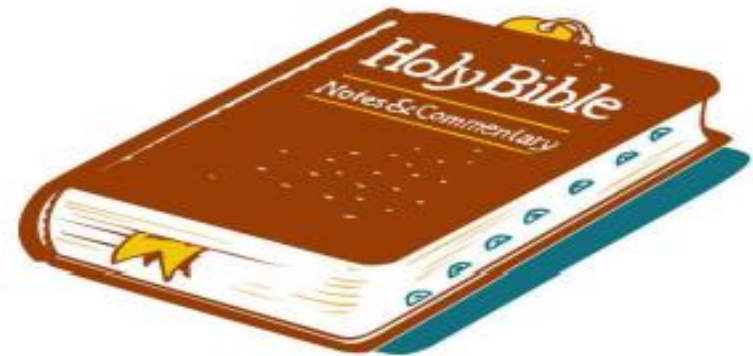


Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge Allegiance to the Christian flag,
and to the Savior for whose kingdom it
stands, one brotherhood, uniting all
Christians in service and in love.

Pledge to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's
Holy Word. A lamp unto my feet and
a light unto my path, its words will I hide
in my heart, that I might not sin
against God.





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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Psalms 72:14 NKJV

He will redeem their life from oppression and violence:
and precious shall be their blood in his sight.

Educate Yourself and Others

- ▶ Relationship abuse is a pattern of behaviors used to gain or maintain power and control over a partner.
- ▶ This can manifest in different ways. Multiple types of abuse usually occur in an abusive relationship.

Physical Abuse

- ▶ Physical abuse is one of the most easily identified types of abuse. It involves the use of physical violence, or threats of it, to maintain power over an individual. Because of this, survivors are afraid and uncertain when more abuse will occur. This often reinforces the regular use of other, more subtle, types of abuse.

Emotional Abuse

Emotional abuse includes non-physical behaviors that are meant to control, isolate, or frighten someone. These behaviors are often more subtle and hard to identify but are just as serious as other types of abuse.

Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse is when a partner controls the physical and sexual intimacy in a relationship.

This often involves acting in a way that is non-consensual and forced.

Financial Abuse

Financial or economic abuse occurs when an abusive partner extends their power and control into your financial situation.

Technology-Facilitated Abuse

Technology-facilitated abuse, also known as online abuse, is the use of technology, image-based sexual abuse (IBSA), sextortion, intimate partner surveillance, Internet of Things abuse, and online spaces (e.g. social media) to bully, harass, stalk, intimidate, or control a partner.

This behavior is often a form of verbal or emotional abuse conducted online.

Other Types of Abuse

- ▶ **Sexual Coercion**
- ▶ **Reproductive Coercion**
- ▶ **Stalking**
- ▶ **Spiritual abuse**

Spiritual abuse is a form of emotional and psychological abuse. It may involve an elder or faith leader inflicting abuse on members of the congregation, fostering a toxic culture through shame or control. However, it's important to recognize that spiritual abuse can extend beyond organized religious settings and occur within intimate relationships. Individuals of any belief system, irrespective of their religion, can experience spiritual abuse

How to Help

Listen Without Judgment

Leaving an abusive relationship is a highly personal decision but all survivors benefit from having trusted people during this time.

Since those experiencing abuse are often isolated by their abusers, it's imperative to know how to support survivors on the path to safety.

One of the most powerful things you can offer a domestic violence survivor is support.

Encourage Professional Support

Raise Awareness and Advocate for Change

Resource Options

Inter-Act: Domestic Abuse Treatment Center

1012 Oberlin Road #100 (shelter, counseling legal, advocacy and educational programs)

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence

3710 University Dr. #300 Durham NC

(Support and resource local shelters and services training and referrals around domestic violence prevention and survivor services)

North Carolina Victim Assistance Network

1053 E Whitaker Mill Rd. suite 115

(Supporting victims of crime including domestic violence with advocacy training for service providers and connecting individuals with resources for safety, legal help and recovery.)