

No Place for Violence Here Suggested Service Outline

Outlined below is a suggested outline for focusing on domestic violence in your church service.

You may elect simply to have a section in your service where you pray around domestic violence, or you may like to structure an entire service around the theme of domestic violence. Feel free to be as creative as you like.

It is important to remember that it is more than likely that there are people in your church who are in households that are violent. At whatever level you incorporate this theme into your service, please make sure that you provide an encouragement and appropriate pathways/resources for victims of violence to seek help.

1. Hang posters, put out response cards and place fact sheets on seats prior to the service
2. Pass out daffodils, white ribbons, or some other symbol as people enter
3. Begin with an explanation of the campaign and an introduction to the issue
4. Pray – We suggest beginning with a prayer of repentance – see included prayer guide
5. Videos – Choose one or more videos from those included that is most suited to your context
6. Preach – see included sermon guide as a starting point
7. You may like to include an action opportunity
8. Pray – for victims and perpetrators, and for God to bring change in people's lives and in our community – see included prayer guide
9. Promote pathways for response – have response cards available and place relevant details onto a PowerPoint clip and leave it up at the end of the service

