

Some Suggested Activities to be used after the Apology or Service of Healing.

Ribbons

As a church you may like provide ribbons for the congregation to tie on the fence/gate/noticeboard of the church to acknowledge the survivors of abuse and the apology. A prayer can then be said for all those involved.

Prayer

After the service, a prayer team can be made available at the front/side of the church to support and pray with people who would like prayer.

Writing your own prayer

Offer the opportunity for people to write out a prayer and place it at the cross or hang on the branches of a small tree at the front of the church. Provide pens and note paper on a table nearby.

Silence

Some people may like to sit in silence in a particular area of the church.

Book of Memorial

A book can be made available for people to sign, write comments or prayers.

Create a Micah 6:8 Collage

A collage can be created by people choosing images or words from magazines or newspapers with the themes from Micah 6:8 of justice, love and walking humbly with our God.

Prayer for the Future

“God is light, in him there is no darkness at all” 1 John 1:5

Our loving Heavenly Father

We acknowledge and lament the past failings of our churches to listen to and act for children in our care. We are sorry for those who found courage to speak yet were not heard.

Today we pray for new future in Christ, where our churches will be known as a place of hope and integrity and where healthy relationships can flourish. Where the vulnerable and weak can speak and be heard, can be safe and grow, where all members of our churches walk in truth and light.

We pray that the love of the Father, the redemptive work of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit will transform and renew all things to your glory.

Amen