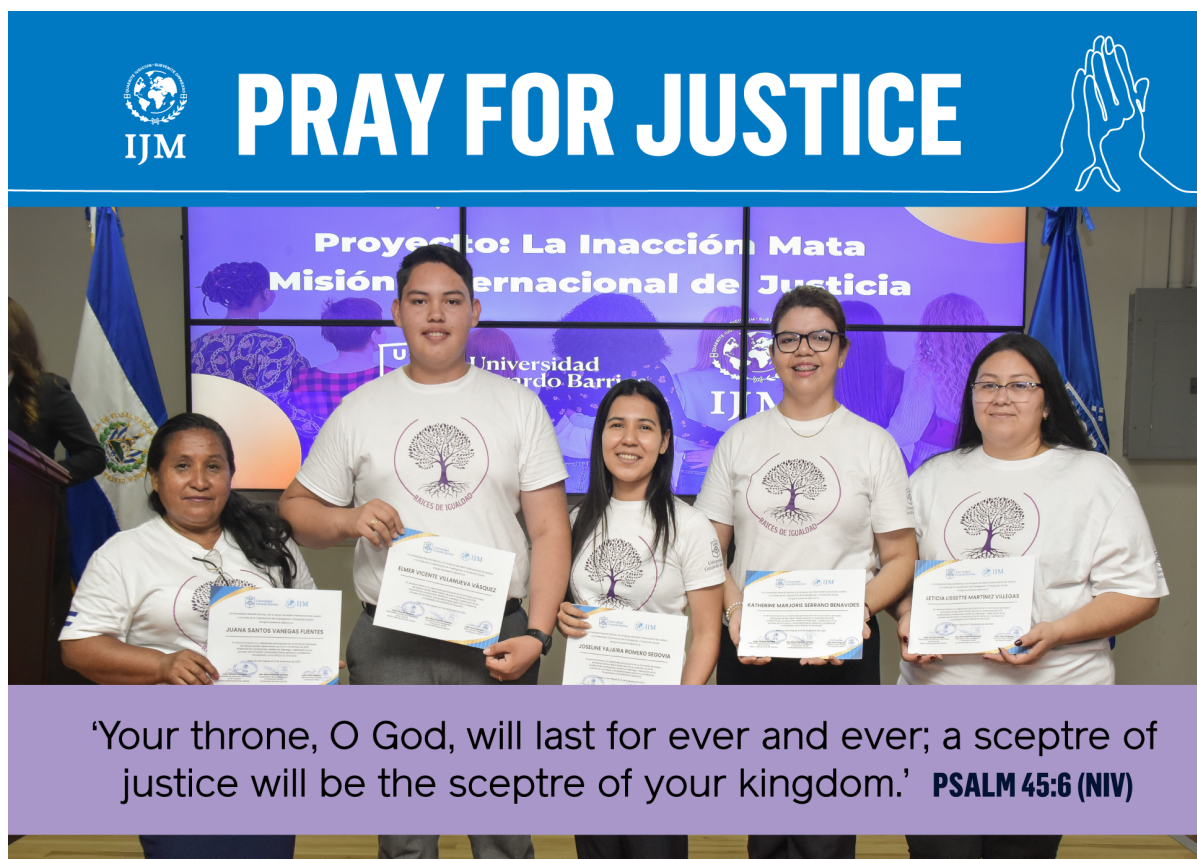


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Hi [REDACTED]

Praise God! **25 women and men in El Salvador have completed IJM's survivor leadership training** – powerful milestone as they step forward to lead change in their communities.

This training equips people who have experienced physical or sexual violence with practical, hands-on leadership skills.

Verónica Salgado, a graduate and survivor of violence, shares what the journey has meant to her:

*"More than anything, [it's about] learning so that I can help others who are going through the same kind of violence I lived through. I didn't know I was being harmed in so many ways. Now I know. I know my worth, I know how to set boundaries, and **the cycle of violence ends here** – for me and my daughters."*

We rejoice as people grow in confidence in their worth, knowing how loved they are and choosing to lead in ways that protect others.

This training also helps survivors understand how the justice system can protect people who have experienced violence – and how they can use this knowledge to support others facing harm, connecting them to safe, survivor-centred support.

Together, we pray for these women and men as they lead the way in **building communities across El Salvador where all people can expect to be safe and protected.**

Opening Prayer

God of transformation,

We thank you for moments
of connection between survivors,
and for growing courage
to break the silence
around violence against women
and children.

We praise you
that you are moving
and working in and through
these women and men
– bringing transformation
and planting seeds of change.

May your justice take root,
as survivors use their voices
and gifts to help build
a world where abuse
is not experienced
in the first place.

Amen

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for the 25 recent graduates in El Salvador. As these women and men prepare to partner with local schools to raise awareness about violence, may God equip and strengthen them to lead with wisdom and courage – paving the road to protection for future generations.

Pray for Ariana*, a young and courageous survivor in Bolivia. Following a recent court ruling that affirmed the truth of the abuse she endured, pray that God protects and strengthens her family after years navigating delays and fear while seeking justice. Pray also for those walking alongside families to be sustained in this work.

PRAISE POINTS

Praise God for the conversations IJM Uganda recently held with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. We celebrate that prosecutors welcomed collaboration and publicly shared the discussions communities could see their commitment to protecting women and children from violence. Praise God for growing trust that strengthens protection across Uganda and around the world.

The updates we share can become sensitive over time. To respect and protect survivors, please refrain from posting these prayer requests online – thank you.

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