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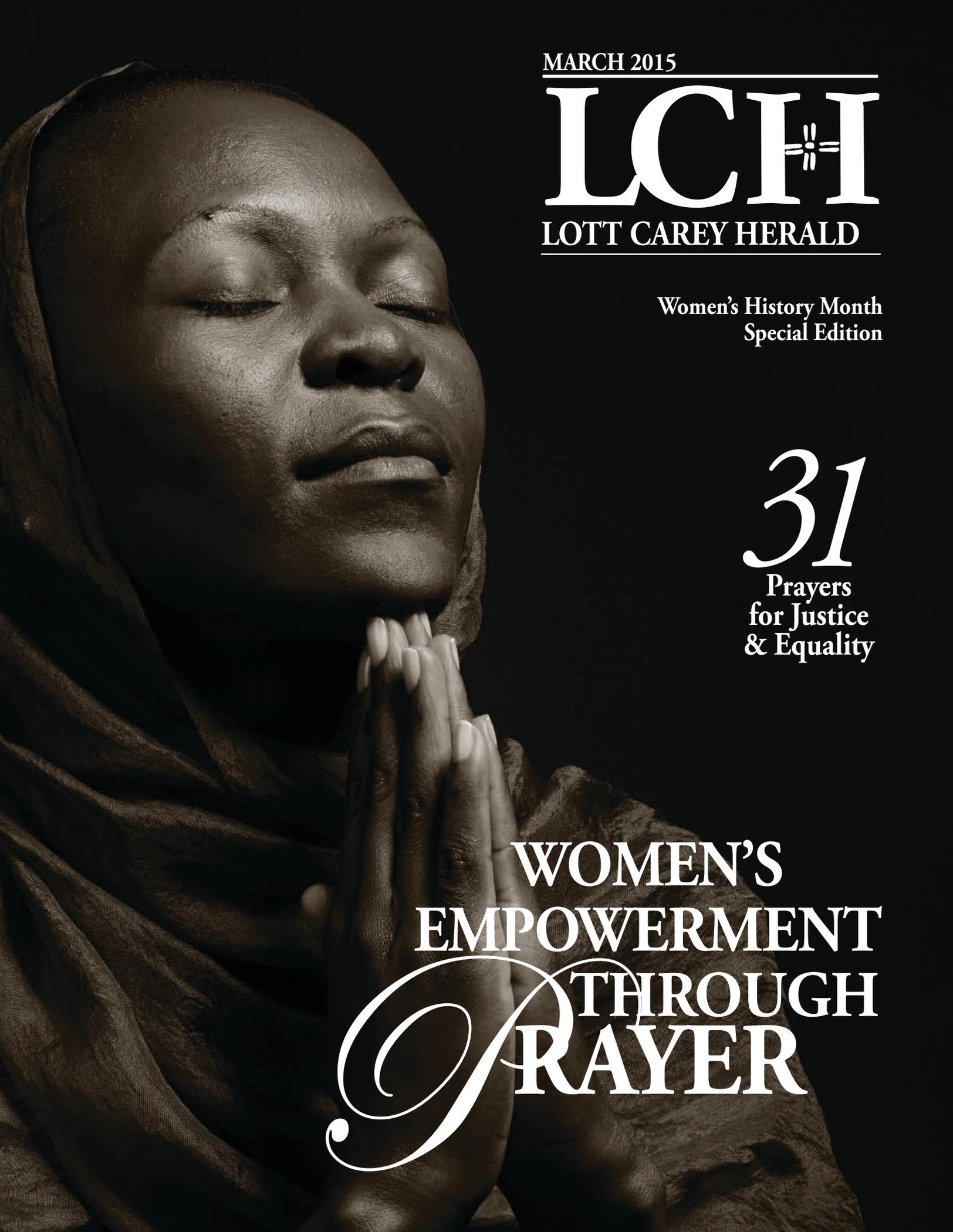
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Women's History Month  
Special Edition

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Prayers  
for Justice  
& Equality

WOMEN'S  
EMPOWERMENT  
THROUGH  
PRAYER



# *Gender-Based Violence*

*Zechariah 13:6*

**March 15**

*Give them courage to safely escape the  
torment of their abusers*

“**H**eavenly Father, today we are praying for all women who are suffering from gender-based violence and domestic violence within our country and around the world. In the midst of their distressing circumstances, give them courage to seek help to safely escape the torment of their abusers. Give Your power to the powerless. May Your perfect love drive out fear and anxiety. Strengthen them to face their future with faith in You. We stand with them in prayer and in seeking justice, on earth as it is in heaven, for those criminally responsible for their pain.

Today we pray for emotional, physical and spiritual healing for all women victimized by gender-based violence of any kind, including those who have been abducted, raped, trafficked into forced prostitution, starved, beaten, stabbed, drowned, stoned, burned alive or gunned down.

We pray for emotional, physical and spiritual healing for all domestic violence victims, survivors and their children affected by emotional, verbal or physical abuse. We commit to raising greater awareness about the prevalence of gender-based violence and domestic violence through our network of ministries.

We seek justice for all victims and survivors. We pray that all perpetrators of abuse are reported, arrested, and prosecuted to serve maximum penalties for their crimes. Almighty God, we intercede for the souls of the abusers. May their hearts be turned from their wicked ways to repent of their sins and to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. May they walk a redemptive path and encourage other abusers to do the same. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.”

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