



Dear Friends,

The Interfaith Peace Project is pleased to present the third of the series of reflective vignettes and questions to facilitate the claiming of one's dignity. These vignettes and questions are written by our dear friend, Carrie Knowles. They are a series of situational stories inviting women to reflect in such a way as to find their voice and claim their dignity.

We will publish these vignettes on the eighth of every month in honor of March 8, International Women's Day. We are hoping that you will engage your friends in reflective dialogue, maybe even form small discussion groups as these situational stories can foster dialogue with men and women alike.

Please share with us your feedback and reflections.

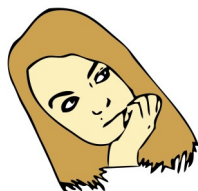
There will be no world peace without religious peace and there will be no religious peace until people



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## Vignette 2



Teresa Perez, 32, is an undocumented person from Honduras, who lives in Southern California and cleans homes for a living. Her two young sons, born in the US, attend elementary school. Her husband, Carlos, punched her in the stomach and head last night and today she is bruised and still in severe abdominal pain. She needs medical attention, and also debates if she should report the domestic violence to the police. However, she knows of people who have been picked up for deportation when they went to court for other reasons.

### Questions for Your Consideration

What do you think Teresa's feelings may be about her experience of abuse? What might keep her from seeking medical care? What do think her feelings may be about reporting assault to the police, given the possibility of deportation as an illegal alien?

What is Teresa likely to do in this situation?

What are the likely consequences if she does—or does not—take some action?

When you consider your own faith tradition, ideally what would you like to see Teresa do?

How does Teresa's experience resonate with any of your experiences as a woman?

How may our reflections deepen your intention to stand up for what is right and true?