



Survivor Voices: Notable Quotables

A key goal of NCVRW is to inspire and motivate your community to support victims' rights. Your speeches, announcements, and presentations may benefit from including a few powerful quotations to underscore this message of collective support. The quotations compiled here build on the 2023 NCVRW theme. Bear in mind that quotes are most effective when the quoted figure is one of recognized authority. A short descriptive phrase may be necessary to establish that authority (musician and songwriter Morgan Harper Nichols said...).

Elevate.

"Give voice to what you know to be true, and do not be afraid of being disliked or exiled. I think that's the hard work of standing up for what you see."

— V: Formerly Eve Ensler

"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."

— Malala Yousafzai

"The ones who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless."

— Óscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez

"Tell the story of the mountain you climbed. Your words could become a page in someone else's survival guide."

— Morgan Harper Nichols

Engage.

"It took me quite a long time to develop a voice, and now that I have it, I am not going to be silent."

— Madeleine Albright

"Nothing that I can do or say will change the structure of the universe. But maybe, by raising my voice, I can help the greatest of all causes — good will among men and peace on earth."

— Albert Einstein

"Survivors need a seat at the table to be seen and heard."

— Carole Bernard

Effect Change.

"Nothing can stand in the way of the power of millions of voices calling for change."

— Barack Obama

"You're not a victim for sharing your story. You are a survivor setting the world on fire with your truth. And you never know who needs your light, your warmth and raging courage."

— Alex Elle

"We must continue to provide concrete paths to resources and advocate for policy change, so survivors know that their voices will be heard and acknowledged."

— Katie Ray-Jones



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