

We observe

# THURSDAYS IN BLACK

Towards a world  
without rape and violence

## 25 November A Survivors Prayer

Jesus wrote on the ground  
Broken, we are all broken

Broken hearts  
Broken loves  
Broken bodies  
Broken hearts

Broken dreams  
Broken sleep  
Broken promises  
Broken lives

Jesus wrote on the ground  
Broken we are all broken

Broken by violence  
Broken by words  
Broken by actions  
Designed to destroy  
The sacred bond  
Between women and man

Broken are the hearts and the minds  
Of those who have known such violence  
Who seek refuge in Your grace.

Broken things for Broken People  
You became broken for us  
To bring wholeness to our lives

Restore what is broken in our lives  
So that we may be whole

Whole In our hearts and our minds  
Whole In our bodies and our souls

Compassionate loving God  
We bring to you what is broken  
So that you may heal our broken lives.

Amen.

The National Council of Churches in Australia is observing the UN 16 Days of Action against Gender Based Violence. The campaign has been run every year since 1991 from 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day. Each day of the campaign, you are encouraged to pray. These daily prayers are supplied by the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. NCCA is a proud supporter of the Thursdays in Black Campaign. To learn more about the campaign visit the NCCA website to learn more: [ncca.org.au](http://ncca.org.au).



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