We observe

THURSDAYS IN BLACK

Towards a world without rape and violence

27 November
A Prayer of Lament for Lives Lost

Almighty God and Father of us all,

We cry out to you in grief for all the lives lost to family violence.

We pray for the children left motherless, for the mothers who are bereft, for the grandparents, other family and friends who mourn.

We pray too, for the perpetrators of violence.

Change us, O Lord, from people who are indifferent, into people who care enough to act.
Change us, O Lord, from people who feel powerless into people who are empowered.
Change us, O Lord, into a people that cares for those whose brokenness lead them to commit acts of violence.

Make us whole, and fill our hearts with your peace.

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.

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