

We observe

THURSDAYS IN BLACK

**Towards a world
without rape and violence**

**6 December
A Prayer for Role Models**

Lord Jesus

You modelled the right way to treat people. People from all classes and genders and ages were treated by you with respect.

Because of the way you treated the children who crowded around you, the women like Mary, Martha, the woman at the well, the woman others wanted to stone to death, because of your example of love and grace and respect, we understand the right way to treat all people. No one was a 'mere woman', 'just a kid', or 'hopeless' to you. You had contempt for no one.

Help us who are adults to model the same gracious respect to all others, regardless of race, age or gender so that today's young people in Australia will grow up seeing and understanding right behaviour and values towards others.

May we be role models to them, and together with them create a better society for all.

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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