

We observe

THURSDAYS IN BLACK

**Towards a world
without rape and violence**

9 December

**A Prayer for National Council of Churches
in Australia Member Churches**

Creator God,

We acknowledge and lament the presence of Domestic and Family Violence within the church and the role some theologies have played in its legitimization.

Christian communities have sometimes failed to acknowledge the presence of such violence in their midst and to respond appropriately.

Today we lift up the work of the National Council of Churches in Australia's member churches who work tirelessly in the area of Domestic and Family Violence.

We pray that all Australians live in a world without family and community rape and violence, that church is a refuge, a safe environment where people are feel supported to discuss domestic and family violence.

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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