

We observe

# THURSDAYS IN BLACK

Towards a world  
without rape and violence

## 10 November A Survivors Prayer

We have a voice, so we can speak, we do not fear, we stand  
up tall,

To put an end to all the hurt, all the damage that's been  
caused,

Not just a bruise that will disappear, a broken bone which will  
repair,

The rape that caused internal damage, the mental abuse that We forgive, but don't forget, all the damage and hurt that  
caused anxiety, was once feared.

We stand up tall to plead our case, to stop the violence in this  
world,

And bring more peace up on the world,

We're not alone, we have a friend,

God stands with us straight and tall,

No more hiding behind closed doors, No more silence,

We have a voice, We will speak,

And let the world know it's not okay

For this violence,

The world needs peace, so this violence must stop,

We're all God's children,

And have a right,

God is with us, holding us tight, to fight

This fight, to bring peace in the world,

And end this violence that is not right.

Loving God, Hear our prayers that is brought you for  
violence against women,

We pray for all who have been physically abused,  
mentally abused, or sexually abused. We pray for those

who are still being abused, for them to be given the

courage and strength to speak up and bring an end to

the torment. We pray for the violence against women to

cease, and bring more peace and harmony in your

world,

Loving God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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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