

We observe

THURSDAYS IN BLACK

**Towards a world
without rape and violence**

7 December

A Prayer for Government

Most gracious God, ruler of the nations,

We pray for all houses of our Parliaments Federal and States,
our Prime Minister and Premier, and all members, both Government, Opposition, and Cross Benchers.

May they be directed by your Holy Spirit in their work and decisions,
words and action, wisdom and skill, imagination and energy,
to raise awareness of the violence perpetrated against women in homes and public spaces,
and lead by example, education, and legislation to protect women and transform the culture of our society
so that all homes, environments, and communities may be places of safety for all people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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