

DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

THIS GUIDE CONTAINS DAILY PRAYERS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO PRAY DURING THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM.



25/11

Loving Father,
Give us strength and perseverance as we
strive to end violence against women. We
celebrate the progress already made - improved
community awareness, meaningful policy
reforms, and the challenging of harmful cultural
norms. But Lord, we know there is much more
to be done. Spur us on and sustain us as
we pursue safety and justice for all women.
Guide our actions, sharpen our resolve, and
help us to press forward in hope and love.
Amen.

26/11

God of compassion and justice,
Open our ears and hearts that we may pay
attention to the voices of survivors. May we
take in their stories without judgement, offering
compassion and love. We pray that our presence
and response would reflect your amazing love.
Amen.

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10/12

Lord,

We live in a complex world, so we
thank you today for your Word.

“...‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind.’
This is the first and greatest commandment.
And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour
as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37-39, NIV).

Continue to teach us how to fulfil
these commandments and so ensure
the human rights of all people.

In Jesus’ name we pray,

Amen.

27/11

God over all the Earth,

Thank you that you created all people in your
image. In Christ Jesus, we are all one. We lift
up those who have been mistreated because
of their gender. We stand against gender-
based violence, and pray for justice, healing
and change. Bring accountability where there
has been harm, and freedom where there has
been oppression. Give us courage to speak
up, and wisdom and compassion to support
those in need. We place our hope in you.
Amen.

28/11

Holy Spirit,

We thank you that you are with us. You speak
to us, comfort us, teach and guide us, as we
live lives of purpose for you. Open our eyes
to see those who are hurting - women who
have suffered violence. Help us to know
the signs, respond with love, and seek help
on behalf of those who find it difficult to
speak up. Give us knowledge and wisdom
to guide them to freedom. In Jesus’ name,
Amen.

29/11

Lord Jesus,
We thank you for those who are on the front line, who support thousands of women and children experiencing family and domestic violence. We pray for strength, wisdom, resources and open doors to reach those in need. May we be active in our support for the front line, and for the victim survivors of gender-based violence. We thank you that you empower and enable us to reach out to those you have called us to. We trust in your strength.
Amen.

30/11

Loving Heavenly Father,
We thank you for this community of believers in Jesus - our church family. We pray we would continue to be united in faith, in heart and in mission. We stand together, in your love, and reach out to the women and children who have experienced family and domestic violence. May we all increase in awareness and in wisdom, so that we can continue to bring your hope to those who have suffered. In Jesus' name,
Amen.

8/12

Father,
As we do our all to end violence against women and children, we are so mindful that we are in a spiritual battle. Thank you that there is nothing that is impossible for you. We ask that your Holy Spirit will work in the hearts and minds of those who believe - at some level in their being - that family and domestic violence is not an issue in our society. Help us all in our understanding of this issue. Help us to answer your call to stand up for the oppressed.
In the name of Jesus and for your sake we pray,
Amen.

9/12

Father,
Help us to seek your heart together so that we may act on your behalf in doing all that is in our power to bring change to the level of family violence in our churches and communities. Give us hearts of compassion, a willingness to raise our awareness, and the courage to stand against the drivers of family and domestic violence.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

7/12

Lord,

Today we acknowledge that the specific experiences of women experiencing family and domestic violence intersect with factors such as age, disability, race, Indigenous identity and LGBTQIA+ status, along with other personal circumstances, like socio-economic status, visa status and geographic location. We pray that our response measures will be guided by these issues, to adequately address gendered violence against all women in Australia. Lord - give us insight and sensitivity, we pray.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

1/12

Father,

We long for a society where every woman, man and child feel safe and have the opportunity to flourish. We pray today for all the work that is being undertaken in primary prevention of family violence, but Lord - help us to also think about our own role to play. We thank you for the work that is being done in schools to promote respectful relationships, but Lord help us to see our own shortcomings. Instil in us our worth, so we can then convey that in all our relationships. O Lord, help us see our blind spots.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

2/12

Father,

We need your wisdom. We recognise that only you can bring change to our society. We pray for a movement of your Holy Spirit in our land. Only you can bring change to people's hearts, minds and attitudes that is needed to change our culture - a culture that seems incapable of curbing the family violence that so many women and children experience every day. "Come Lord Jesus, come." Amen.

3/12

Lord,
Would you help us to stand together, to be a voice for those who don't have a voice, to love them with the love and compassion you show us. May we hold their stories close, and hearts closer, as you draw near to those suffering in silence.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9, NIV).

Amen.

4/12

Father,
Our hearts ache when we think of the numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who endure family and domestic violence. May they be given a voice to tell the truth of both present and historical injustices, and may they be empowered to flourish. We pray that they will be given the respect they deserve and know the healing touch of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Amen.

5/12

Lord,
Every child born is fearfully and wonderfully made. Every child is precious to you, and your desire is for each one to be nurtured and loved. Today we pray for every child that has experienced, or is experiencing, family violence. Lord, you know their names, your heart breaks for them. May our hearts break for them, too. Give us the courage to join the fight against violence in our society.

Amen.

6/12

Father,
We thank you that Jesus came and lived on this Earth, and showed us how to live! He upturned the tables on the culture that treated women as 'less than'. Lord, when we see things that are not right, when we hear things that are not of you, give us courage to speak out. Increase our awareness and sensitivity to those attitudes and behaviours that are not Christlike.

Amen.