



# Elimination of Violence against Women

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We, Presentation people, commit to respond to the cry of Earth and to people made poor by embracing the Sustainable Development Goals, providing us a plan of action for living the values of Nano's life.

## IPA Mission Statement

### A Scripture Quote...

"Give up your violence and oppression and do what is just and right." **Ezekiel 45:9**

### A Prayer ...

God of love, compassion and healing, we pray:

For women and girls who have experienced violent relationships, that they can find safety and healing from their trauma and rebuild their lives.

For children who have witnessed violence in their homes against their mothers and sisters and other family members, that they will experience healing and hope.

For indigenous women and refugee women who have been impacted by extreme violence, that deep and lasting change will ensure their safety.

For individuals and organisations working to prevent violence against women and girls and help survivors of violence, that their courage and generosity will endure.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Adapted from the Prayer for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, Australian Catholic Bishops*

### A United Nations connection ...

"We recognise the urgent need for the universal application to women of the rights and principles with regard to equality, security, liberty, integrity and dignity of all human beings."

[Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women \(1993\)](#)

### A Call to Action ...

Ending violence against women is crucial. It harms women of all backgrounds and holds back gender equality. We must educate, change laws, and provide support for survivors. It's a problem for everyone to solve together, so women can live without fear and have their rights respected.

This month, how can you:

- **Educate Yourself:** Start by learning about the different forms of violence against women, its root causes, and its impact. Knowledge is a powerful tool for understanding and addressing the issue.
- **Raise Awareness:** Use your voice and platform to raise awareness about violence against women. Share information, statistics, and stories to help educate others and break the silence surrounding this issue.
- **Self-Reflect:** Reflect on your own beliefs and behaviors to ensure that you are not perpetuating stereotypes. Be open to personal growth and change.