



Women and Children

Flora: Geraldton Wax, Western Australia.

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...

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." **Matthew 19:24**

A Prayer ...

God of Justice,
we pray for all women and girls around the world, especially for our sisters enduring the war in Ukraine, denied education in Afghanistan, and living through the hardship of natural disaster in Morocco and Libya. Open our hearts to listen to their stories. Strengthen us to stand in solidarity with those experiencing poverty, discrimination, injustice and war. Give us the courage to embrace equity and to work for a just future for all people. Through our prayer, study and action, may we fully realise our interconnectedness with our global family and all of your creation. May we strive always to respect all people and all creatures.
Amen.

Adapted from the International Women's Day Reflection, Caritas Australia

A United Nations connection ...

"States Parties shall take in all fields, in particular in the political, social, economic and cultural fields, all appropriate measures, including legislation, to ensure the full development and advancement of women, for the purpose of guaranteeing them the exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

[Article 3, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women \(1981\)](#)

A Call to Action ...

Take action to advocate for the rights of women and children in our world. They deserve a world where they can thrive free from discrimination, violence, and inequality.

This month, how will you:

- **Support NGO's and Charities** that work tirelessly to protect and empower women and children?
- **Mentor and empower** young women and girls and support girls who often face barriers to access?
- **Involve men and boys** in discussions and initiatives to challenge harmful behaviours and attitudes?