

God from whom all things come
in Love you created us

and in your image you created us

free, equal and responsible for one another and our earth.

And yet, there are people who live among us whose rights are denied,
who are oppressed and abused, who live in poverty
as a result of gender based violence.

In their names and for their lives,
we do pray:

**SAY NO
UNITE
TO END VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN**



That women and girls affected by gender based violence

- find safety and support
- recover their self-worth, self-belief and independence
- go forward into life with courage and strength.

That children who see, hear and sense acts of violence against their mothers, sisters and other family members

- find freedom from trauma
- recover their sense of safety and security, playfulness and joy
- go forward into life feeling loved and protected, nurtured and cared for.

That individuals and organisations who support survivors of gender based violence and who work to prevent gender based violence

- find ways of overcoming cultural barriers to the empowerment of women and children, informed by a deep understanding of culture and tradition
- be energised and strengthened in this work through partnership and collaboration with others similarly committed
- remember to care for themselves as they care for others.

That men and boys

- who speak out and act against gender based violence are strengthened in voice and action, their example serving to educate others
- who act violently towards others, especially women and children, accept responsibility for the harm they have caused, and seek and find support in order to change.

That all people relate to one another with respect for the dignity and inherent rights of others, together overcoming violence, inequality, poverty and creating a world where love and justice reign.



We make this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen
Mary of the Presentation, pray for us.
Nano Nagle, pray for us.

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WOMEN** 