

THURSDAYS IN BLACK

Call to Actions

Thursdays in Black grew out of the World Council of Churches (WCC) Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women, in which the stories of rape as a weapon of war, gender injustice, abuse, violence, and many tragedies that grow outward from such violence became all the more visible. What also became visible was women's resilience, agency and personal efforts to resist such violations.

As the Christian Church, we share in raising this visibility.

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Gather with friends, colleagues, family, or congregants to wear black on Thursdays and advocate for a world without rape and violence.

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Host a time of sharing to hear from survivors or someone who has worked with survivors of gender-based violence.

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Take a photo wearing black and share it on social media with a link to the Thursdays in Black website:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/thursdays-in-black>, and use the hashtag #ccdothursdaysinblack

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Identify local, national or global ministries/organizations that offer support to victims of gender-based violence and make a contribution with your "Thursdays in Black" group.