

Prayer for International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women



25 November is White Ribbon Day, the International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women. Deacon Kerry Scarlett, the Vice-President of the Methodist Conference 2023-24, has written a prayer to mark the day:

Loving God

In Jesus, we see you recognise and affirm the value and dignity of women and girls

Challenging those who sought to diminish or harm our flourishing

We pray for women and girls

who have experienced gender based violence.

We give thanks for those in government, in our communities, in our own churches,
who challenge the cultures and systems through which misogyny and violence thrive.

We ask forgiveness for the times when we have not listened, have not learned,
have not stood in solidarity with women experiencing violence and discrimination.

Give us the courage and strength to listen, to learn,

So that all may flourish, knowing we are precious in your sight

Amen.