



International Women's Day, held on 8 March is a celebration of the influence, leadership, contributions and achievements of women. It is also a reminder for us to continue to strive towards gender equity and equality in our communities and across the world.

### **PRAYER**

Lord, we see the light of your love shining through creation. We praise you for the beauty and diversity of your work. We also acknowledge that our society sometimes fails to value the worth of individuals. We humbly own the times when we also fail to see it. Remind us daily of the innate beauty and value of every person. Today, we acknowledge, in particular, the women in our world and the significant influence that they have on our lives.

You have given voice in so many ways to every part of creation. There are times when we fail to listen. Compel us to pay attention, to hear the voices of those who are not heard. Help us to live slowly and quietly enough to hear those who are feeling worthless, hurting, silenced, and afraid. May we follow the example of Jesus, showing kindness, compassion, patience and generosity to every person. Challenge us to seek out those who are unheard and unvalued. As we share your love with them, raise them up and bring about equality and equity in our world.

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

See the Gender inequality and equity meeting segment guide (produced 2022) on MySalvos Toolkit for additional resources.