

SHINE A LIGHT

ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION - WHITI TE RAMA

WHITE RIBBON DAY - 25 NOVEMBER



Presbyterian Church
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Shine a light on the problem

Annual Domestic Violence Incidents reported to NZ Police

- **2016 - 118,926 incidents**
- **2017 - 121,762 incidents (+2,836)**
- **2018 - 133,022 incidents (+11,260)**
- **2019 - 151,454 incidents (+18,432)**
- **2020 - 171,381 incidents (+19,927)**

This is one every three minutes of the year



Shine a light on the solution

- Shine a light on your church each evening between 21-28 November
- Invite people to share stories of their experiences
- Invite your local newspaper to run an article on violence prevention
- Invite a White Ribbon Ambassador to speak at your church
- Work with your local Presbyterian Support, using their resources

See more ideas on the White Ribbon website

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White Ribbon Prayer

Almighty God, you are the Light that never fades and the One who enlightens people's minds. We pray that we would be filled with the radiance of your glory and presence so that we may shine a light of hope in helping prevent violence in this nation.

God, in your love and compassion you sent Jesus Christ to shine the true light of life into our hearts. He is the Light of Light.

Jesus, your life has always been light to people walking in darkness:

- May that light bring hope and comfort to all women and children who have been victims of domestic violence;
- May your light break every bolt and bar that is keeping people trapped in the darkness of the cycle of violent relationships;
- May your light help every person:
 - to be gentle and truthful in all they say;
 - to be humble in their opinion of themselves,
 - to be honourable and generous in their dealings with others,
 - to be loyal to and cherish all people in their whanau.

Empower us to shine as lights in our community. We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen

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Prayer Video

PCANZ Moderator Right Rev Hamish Galloway leads us in a White Ribbon prayer, written by White Ribbon NZ Ambassador Very Rev Ray Coster, and encourages us to join with him in lighting a candle to shine a light this White Ribbon Day, 25 November.

<https://vimeo.com/645814961>

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