



## Rise-Up Against Gender Based Violence

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### Request for a space to address woman at your church

Dear Church Management Team

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The #TheTotalShutdown Mobilisation team would like to request a five (5) minute slot during or after your church services to address all woman in the congregation on a on Sunday 8, 15 and 22 July 2018.

On the 1st August 2018, a day that marks the beginning of woman's month, woman from all sectors of South Africa will shut down the country at 13h00 in protest against gender-based violence. Lesotho and Botswana will form part of the mass action.

We feel we have nothing to celebrate on the 9<sup>th</sup> August as every week we receive multiple reports of woman and children who have been brutally murdered, kidnapped, or abused yet it seems there is no sense of urgency from our leaders to find a way in which society can tackle this violence.

This is an ongoing National crisis therefore we are calling on **ALL WOMAN** from work and join the protest on 1 August 2018, alternatively stop everything they are doing and step outside between 13h00 – 13h30 in silent prayer to show their support.

A memorandum of demands will be handed over to the government on the day of the shutdown with clear actions.

We trust our request will be received and approved in kindness.

Yours in Christ

The Mobilization Team