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WHEN WE RISE UP
HE SHINES THROUGH

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Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

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ARISE, SHINE!

When we rise up, He shines through unity and justice.

A message and Bible study from Amelia Gavidì



Amelia Gavidì
BWUSWP President

The sun rises on the Pacific and then moves around the world.

Another day, a new day begins but the world around us is still crying out, "Justice! Justice! Where is Justice? Will it come?"

This is a world of injustice. Millions and millions of lives are destroyed through injustice and disunity. The media screams out every day of violence and gender based discrimination that does not respect nor protect the victims which in many cases are the women and children regardless of their age or socio-economic status, whether poor or rich, stable or in conflict.

Horrible physical, emotional, and psychological trauma is caused by exploitation, intimidation, terror, harassment, degradation, physical injuries, disability, and death. Many are left unidentified. Often the legal system which is designed to protect individuals and uphold justice, fails.

Governments struggle to discover the ways in which they can solve the problems of injustice which is caused by so many factors. The world sees justice as... the administration of law that determines what is right based on the principles of equity and correctness, and rewards accordingly.

Moses reminds us that **"The Lord is a mighty rock, and He never does wrong. God can always be trusted to bring justice."** Deut. 32:4 (CEV)

We serve a JUST God! The God who is always fair. He always makes the right decision. Only He can bring JUSTICE and UNITY to any individual, family, community or nation. We change but this merciful God does not change.

As Christians, we witness around us injustice and chaos. What is our response? We cannot just turn a blind eye to it. Yes, we have world organisations and governments which are introducing awareness and projects to reduce the incidence of violence and abuse to women and children and all forms of injustice. As believers, we have a vital role to play. Together we must **ARISE** and **SHINE**. We must **"Be fair to the poor and orphans, defend the helpless and everyone in need. Rescue the weak and homeless from the powerful hands of heartless people."** Psalm 82:3-4. We cannot do this in our own strength and wisdom, we need the help of our great God "whose ways are justice".

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I'm reminded of the story of the **five daughters of Zelophehad, from the clan of Manasseh, son of Joseph. Numbers 27: 1–11.** They faced injustice when their father died in the desert before they crossed the Jordan river, even before reaching Canaan the Promised land. A census of men took place preparing for the division of the land in Canaan, the Promised land. The five daughters were not entitled to a share because they were female.

THREE VITAL LESSONS that I want to share from these courageous young women. As Christians we can learn from them and apply as we share in bringing justice to those around us and to the world.

1. They stood up in faith and unity: They believed in God's promises of Canaan and God's promise of an inheritance for each family. Nothing was going to hinder them from going to the Sacred Tent. Together they had the faith to claim their father's inheritance and they did this in God's presence.

2. They stood up because of their problem: They were not entitled to a share of the land because their father had died in the desert without a male heir. Together they stood before God and Moses and presented their problem.

3. They stood up with courage: The five brave daughters of Zelophehad assisted in the formulating of a new law that women, who do not have a brother, were to

have a share of land. They stood with courage to state their case before a God who is right and just.

God's justice gave them courage to take a step of faith. In doing so, they accomplished the impossible.

God has to be the source of our Faith. Through Faith we should look beyond our limitations. God has the power to break the hindrances of the world and He is always on our side when we work with Him." **For the Lord loves justice and He won't ever desert His faithful people. He always protects them." Psalm 37:28.**

Let us **ARISE and SHINE in JUSTICE and UNITY**, with courage and faith moving forward, believing in the God of justice our Rock and Chief Commander, who is on our side. May we remember every victim of abuse and violence around the world during the *Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer*. Visit victims, talk with them, stand up for them and pray with them.

**Go forth!
Let your light shine!**

*To God be the glory and
may the Lord bless you all.*

Amelia Gavidì-
BWUSWP President: 2014–2019



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Why Day Of Prayer?

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is a blessed demonstration of the community shared by Baptist women across the world. **There are two essential active ingredients to every Day of Prayer experience: praying and giving.** As we unite with our Baptist sisters across the world we are committing to uphold and support one another in prayer, for we know that great and mighty things come into being because of it. We belong together, and this is one way we can stand together in solidarity.

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Thoughts From BWA Women's President



Ksenija Magda
BWA Women's President
(2015–2020)

The lures of individualism and isolation are dangerous stances for a Christian. As a young student in Bible School, I truly believed I was better off on my own rather than be part of what seemed to be the church of immature and self-centered Christians. But I have witnessed too many stories to hold on to my youthful self-righteousness! We need each other!

I have discovered that many women feel abandoned as they are overwhelmed by false beliefs: "you are not good enough," "you are unworthy," "you are stupid," "education is wasted on you," and so on. Many feel the violence of abuse and have been mistreated physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Feeling abandoned, they withdraw to be lonely islands. They become scared of their own shadow and never pursue what God intended for them.

On the other hand, there are some who become strong achievers. They seem to have everything under control. But self-made women have also become lonely islands. In pursuing the false security of control, they are trapped. They cannot let go. Often, they have been left alone to cope with life in impossible situations and they have embraced isolation and control as the only possible way of life.

But humans have been created by God for community with him and with one another. Only in community are we healthy. Only in community can we feel accepted, understand our worth, and give and receive as we mature together. God created us with a need to belong, and He has provided a context, a body, a family which we are called to embrace.

Yes, we have suffered trauma; we have been hurt. We have learned to guard ourselves and never ever trust anyone fully. But, it is different through faith "in Christ". And this has become the most amazing part of faith for me. In Christ I know I am worthy—because God created me as he wanted me. He makes a place for me! Nobody and nothing can take that away! God works for me as I stand up and I step out in faith. God has gifted me with things needed by the people in my community. I am part of his body! I am part of the solution for my place and for the world.

When in Isaiah 60:1 God says: "Arise and shine", it can happen only through us as the body of Christ. Through this body, Christ reaches out into the world. All parts of his body are needed. Each unseen inner organ, and the outward parts like hands and feet are necessary.

In Christ is the impossible thing. The scattered body parts have been unified, put back together to function as a testimony to the world that nobody is alone and that all things are possible in the *one* who died for us. If you have been at the bottom and abandoned, or on top but alone in your struggles or successes—arise, reach out in the name of Christ to the Body of Christ. And observe his great light shining through us!

Why Day Of Prayer?

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The offerings during the Day of Prayer are essential because they provide the much needed funds for the ministries and partnerships of the BWA Women's Department and the Continental Unions, including the Day of Prayer projects. When we share with our sisters, we are partnering with them by giving them the tools they need to make a difference for God's kingdom in their own areas.

For a deeper understanding of the global reach of this movement, be sure to check out www.facebook.com/BWAWomensDepartment/ especially on and following the Day of Prayer.

There you will see photos of some of the thousands of women who participate in this experience! Send your photos to be added to the page as well!

Your event can be held for an hour or two or for a full weekend. There are a variety of materials to choose from in this program guide. Use what you feel would best be suited for the women in your context.

See www.bwawd.org/extra-resources for ideas on how to plan your Day of Prayer Celebrations, creative ways to enhance your experience, history of Day of Prayer, videos and other resources.



New Zealand Kete

Whiria te tangata
Weave the people together



Paupa New Guinea Buillum



Australian Basket

Throughout the Pacific the women take whatever materials they have at hand and use them to create baskets of many different sizes and shapes.

The original Australians take grasses found in the arid desserts and make baskets of great beauty and strength. In the many and varied Pacific islands the coconut palm provides the material for making the kato which may be very simple for everyday tasks or ornamented for special occasions. In New Zealand the kete is made from harakeke (flax).

The kete may be roughly made to carry food back from the garden or to place food in the hangi, (the underground earth oven) it may be finely woven and decorated to protect their most precious belongings. Vanuatu calls them baask't, and in Papua and Papua New Guinea they make billums. The strap of the billum goes across the forehead and the billum with its load hangs down the back. Produce, animals, treasures are all carried this way, the greatest treasure carried being their babies.

What is in common is that a single thread, which in itself does not have much strength, when woven with other threads produces a container of great strength to hold whatever is needful or treasured.

The apostle Paul wrote "we are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us" (2 Corinthians 4:7) but in the Pacific he may have said: "we are like straw baskets in which the treasure is stored and God's glory may be seen through the holes in the weaving"



Fijian Woven Basket



Paupa New Guinea Buillum Noken

The Women's Department weaves the Baptist Women together into a basket of great beauty through which, in unity, we can proclaim to the women of the world: "the Spirit of the Lord is on us because He has appointed us to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent us to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Isaiah 61:1)

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Weaving Basket

Whiria te tangata

Weave the people together

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Each Baptist woman is called to do this as are our churches and Continental Unions: that together in unity we can show forth the Lord's love more clearly.

As a reminder of our commitment to unity with each other we invite you to make a book mark for your Bible of the seven colours of our Continental unions together with white for the Women's Department. The instructions are on the website under Day of Prayer: 2018 DOP Extras.



Weaving a Kete

(The pictures on this page can be used in a power point while presenting "Weave the People Together." You can get the pictures from the website at www.bwawd.org under DOP Extras.)



A Story From The South West Pacific

God Delights In Unity

At all times we must maintain unity to receive God's goodness and blessing. "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity. It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on Aaron's beard, down on his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life for evermore."

Psalm 133

My husband Pastor Reuben Semi was diagnosed with heart disease three years ago. We were in and out of the hospital. In between that time he had a massive heart attack and two mild heart attacks. God delivered him through much prayer. Our children, our immediate family members and the church family here in Port Moresby and around the country stood in prayer.

During that time we received a lot of encouragement, financial support and Bible verses. It really gave the family the strength we needed.



Norma and family

On April 2nd, 2017, a team of four surgeons arrived from India. Dr Anil, the team leader called to see me and our eldest son. He told us very seriously, "Your father is much worse than the last time I came and saw him. He will not manage to live 6 months. I have to do the surgery on him now."

Our God gave us the peace we needed at that moment. I praise God for that. We went and told Reuben and God had already prepared him. He told us he had peace and that he was ready. We praised God for that and we all joined our

hands in prayer expressing our unity in one heart, soul and spirit. Then our son informed his brother and sisters and they were also filled with peace. Praise God.

The next day the surgery went ahead. All of us stood united in prayer for healing and deliverance. God heard our prayers. The operation was successful! My husband went through a triple bypass, two valve repairs and aorta repair. It was a major operation. But praise God, God himself was the surgeon behind the scenes.

The healing process was so quick that we spent only three weeks in the hospital. He was discharged on the 26th of April and he is enjoying a new life. All the struggles of the heart disease are gone. He is still on medication and goes in for his reviews. What a Mighty God we serve!

What I am trying to share here is that in any situation: in a family, a fellowship group, church congregation or any other group, if you want to receive miracles and blessings—answers to prayer both spiritually and physically—let the hearts be united in one, one in spirit, soul and mind, so that "the LORD bestows his blessing". He can do even more than what you ask for.

That is what my family has experienced. We have witnessed God's blessing in healing and deliverance in my husband's life. My family stood together and asked the Lord for His will to be done. And it was. No situation is too big for God.

There is something in unity that God is delighted in and he releases anything and everything when we are living in unity.

All praise, honour and glory belongs to the Creator of heaven and earth. Amen

Norma Semi
Papua New Guinea



Bible Study



A Study In What The Bible Says About Justice

God Wants Us To Promote Justice

The concept of 'doing justly' occurs nearly 100 times in the bible. It is not a side issue. God asked people to act with fairness. Look at these verses. *"The Lord loves the just."* Psalm 37:28. *"Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of his oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the alien, the fatherless or the widow"* Jeremiah 22:3

So what is justice? It is doing what is correct, fair, and "as it should be". It is not talking; it is doing.

Justice Is The Character Of God

Justice stands as a centre pin in the character of God, for God said, *"I will shepherd the flock with justice."* Ezekiel 34:16.

The Psalmist wrote: *"He will judge the world in righteousness; He will govern the peoples with justice. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.... The Lord is known by His justice."* Psalm 9: 8, 9, 16.

Justice is how God describes Himself, *"For I, the Lord, love justice"* Isaiah 61:8. *"Will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly."* Luke 18:7-8. *"just and true are your ways, King of the ages."* Revelation 15:3.

God's Goal Is More Justice

Notice these things in God's plan: *"Listen to Me... The law will go out from Me; My justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily. My salvation is on the way, and My arm will bring justice to the nations."* Isaiah 51:4-5. We should try to save life. The Bible says, *"Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death; do not stand back and let them die."* Proverbs 24:11. *"Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all those who are appointed to die."* Proverbs 31:8. God rewards just actions. *"If a righteous person turns from his righteousness and does evil, he will die for it. And if a wicked person turns away from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he will live by doing so."* Ezekiel 33:18-19.

My Response To God's Goal

For justice to grow, people have to be more alert. The disadvantaged people in the Bible were often part of normal society, not those in a famine, flood, or earthquake. For some the "system" did not give them a fair deal and someone had to recognise this. What is more, people who thought they were good had to be reminded to advocate for others.

Activists observe that there are three kinds of people: those who let bad things happen around them, those who talk about the need for change and those who work for change. The last group is small, but they have role models in the Bible who can tell us something today.



A Story From The South West Pacific

Justice In A Time of Need



Vani Tidre
A widow from Fiji

The experience of the wrath of Cyclone Winston, the strongest tropical cyclone ever experienced in the southern hemisphere, was the most horrific event that I have ever experienced.

It was the 20th of February, 2016. It was my little grand-daughter's 1st birthday. About 5 pm, the wind began to be felt in the village. I have experienced cyclones before, but was not prepared for this one. Just as I stepped into my house with the cooked

birthday pudding, I saw my whole kitchen which I had just left, rise and fly away!

With a relative helping me we patched the gaps on the wall of the house with coconut leaves but they flew out. My roof began to show strain in the pressure of the wind and suddenly it disappeared in the dark. The sound of the strong winds was deafening to our ears. Fear dominated our hearts and yet with determination, knowing our family depended on us, we searched for ways to take them to safety.

My relative and I decided that the church was the safest place to go to as we saw it was still intact. In the dark, dangerous night, we crept together as a family while praying that no flying object would hit us. The church was filled to the brim with people; the whole village! As the strong wind grew louder damaging everything in its path, the cries of fear and loud prayers were heard from every being in that church. The familiar faces of non-church goers were twisted with

horror, praying for protection from God. The wind and the rain continued throughout the night. Sleep was just impossible as we were cold, hungry and thirsty. We were witnessing the power of God in action and yet at the same time, witnessing His mercy and grace.

The following morning, we walked out from the safety of the church. The sight that met our eyes is a sight that will forever be imprinted in our hearts. Naboutolu village was now just an empty piece of land—no house standing, scattered twisted debris, stripped and naked landscape. And we the survivors were saved through God's grace. I knelt down to the ground and wept, thanking the Lord for His mercy upon my family and the whole village. There were no deaths! Only two young men were injured but not seriously. The next few days we collected food utensils, clothing, and food scraps so that we could eat. Water was collected from the dirty creek to drink and cook with and amazingly, not one person was ill! God is good.

A few weeks later assistance arrived through government, churches, and international and private organisations: building materials, food, clothing and other needs—even spiritual needs. We continue to experience the blessing of God. Every family has a new corrugated iron home now.

Now when we see rain or hear the wind rustling, memories of that terrible night come automatically in our hearts for all of us. I know that we are still going through this trauma which can take some time to heal but through His power and strength, we are experiencing this.

Early in 2017 we, the villagers of Naboutolu in Ra, Fiji Islands, celebrated in worship God's mercy and goodness for sparing our lives during Cyclone Winston. Many lives are now changed but I still encourage my fellow villagers to repent and be more committed and to be involved in God's Kingdom. God is a God of second chances.

I declare and still say after all this incredible, horrific and miraculous experience, **God Is Still Good!!** Amen.



Fijian cyclone damage

Prayer Of The Women

I Jiova noqu Kalou Allah maha basar Wairua Tapu Papa God

The prophet of old reminds us
that what you require of us is
To do justly,
To love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God.
We confess we have fallen short as we have heard your voice
in the experiences of women in the scriptures.

Ruth reminds us that you have told us to share our food with the hungry
and to provide the wandering with shelter.
When we see the naked we are to clothe them.
We have been promised that if we spend ourselves on behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then our light will rise in the darkness and our night will become like the noon day.
Ruth heard your voice and went out with boldness so we would leave behind our timidity
and become the women who would claim justice for our people.

The daughters of Zelophehad were a group of women who united together
to ask for justice and received justice.
When we see unjust situations, help us to bring change.
When we know of others who need help, show us what we can do.
When we have the opportunity to pray and to give financially for women who do not receive justice,
help us to take it up and be instruments of change.
For you have said "as much as you have done it unto the least of these you have done it unto me."

Lord, you told the story of the widow who would not give up...
you told this story to teach us, your people, your will.
You invite us as your daughters to heed the call
for the rights of women and all disadvantaged people.
You commission us to be willing to argue for justice for all.
Lord, you set out a challenge and an example. Help us do what is right
with determination and the dignity in your story.

Lord, we think of Rachel and Leah,
two women who were forced together in unhappy and divisive circumstances.
They had no control in the decisions that affected their lives
and yet Lord, out of this difficult unjust situation you created a nation.
Out of this nation came our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lord, in this world there are many women who have been deceived and manipulated.
They have no power and no hope.
May they hear your voice promising that that which was planned to harm them,
in your hands will bring good.
May they not be afraid but know that you will take care of them and their children.
May we be to these women instruments of your peace and fight for the justice they deserve.

May we all sing with Hannah "You make us strong and happy Lord.
You rescued us. Now we can be glad and laugh at our enemies.
No other God is like you.
We are safer with you than on a high mountain."

Written by Olwyn Dickson, New Zealand



Day Of Prayer Projects

NAME OF PROJECT: Lydia's Sewing Project
ORGANIZATION: Fiji Baptist Women's Fellowship
PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Nunia Tupou

Lydia's sewing project was established in 1994 with assistance from a grant from the Day of Prayer offerings of 1993. The project ceased to operate in 2012 due to financial constraints. The churches run a program of visitation to the local women's prison where friendships are formed. On release the women are offered training in sewing by the Lydia team. Many women are rejected by their families once they have been imprisoned so the assistance they receive from Project Lydia and fellowship in the local churches is the only support these women have. Women from the local Baptist Churches are also able to gain skills enabling them to be self-employed. *At present the project is being revived, the building is being renovated and reequipped. Money will also be used to purchase fabric and other supplies to maintain the ongoing success of this project.*



Amelia In Prison Gear

NAME OF PROJECT: Peanut Mills for Babies
ORGANIZATION: Baptist Women's Union of Papua New Guinea
PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Norma Semi

In the highlands of Papua New Guinea, protein is very scarce. There is very little access to animal protein but peanuts are an excellent source of protein and they can be given to very young children. There is not the same prevalence of peanut allergies as experienced in the west.

A number of years ago the women of the BUPNG set up a pilot project of providing a peanut butter mill to each district in the region. Peanuts were easy to transport to the mountain villages and the women would grow the peanuts alongside their vegetables. The women would harvest the peanuts and with the shared mill make peanut butter which would then be spread on the kaukau (sweet potato) sandwiches and given to the young children. *The desire is to increase the supply of mills and to train the mothers in the use and production of peanut butter. Any surplus is donated to the women's group and sold in the local market so that more mills may be bought. The dream is to provide one mill per village. The cost per mill is \$US 88.*



Peanut Mills

NAME OF PROJECT: Leadership Development
COUNTRY: Papua Indonesia
ORGANIZATIONS: Baptist Churches of Papua Indonesia

The Women's department of the Baptist Churches of Papua consists of three separate organisations.

The Women's Department of the Fellowship of Baptist Churches of Papua under the leadership of Welena Wenda, The Women's Department of the Grace Baptist Church of Indonesia under the leadership of Lydia Karetii and the Women's Department of the Fellowship of Baptist Churches of Papua under the leadership of Amelia Yigibalom. These groups are working in unity on this project. *In the rural areas educational opportunities are limited with poorly equipped schools, so migrants are ill-equipped to meet the challenge of the city. The poverty rate in the rural area is twice the rate of the urban areas.*

Leadership Development is needed as women adjust to moving from a rural economy to a highly developed urban community. Each department will develop a project for their own specific needs working in unity to meet these challenges.



Papua Leaders



Papua Market

Day Of Prayer Projects

NAME OF PROJECT: New Horizons for Girls

COUNTRY: Costa Rica

ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE: First Baptist Church of Desamparados

In a society full of social issues that include broken families, drug addiction, domestic violence and discrimination against women, this project is meant as a process for education, psychosocial prevention and motivation for young women in the northern area of Costa Rica. The aim is to nurture their spiritual life and the fulfillment of their personal goals, with the goal of enabling a better economic future for them and their families. *Through interdisciplinary studies, workshops, bimonthly retreats and other activities, the goal is to build awareness and help them make right decisions and develop healthy lifestyles.*

Through the community with other women, the girls will find positive models to follow in their Christian and personal life. The desire is to empower the women as they find their true value as daughters of God.



New Horizon for Girls



Baptist World Alliance Women

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Through prayer

When Baptist Women come together in Christ, God creates shalom for ALL!

See www.bwawd.org for opportunities to pray for your sisters throughout the year!

Thank you for standing together in solidarity with your global Baptist sisters!

All material in this program and prayer guide can be copied and reprinted.

Thank you for taking up an offering!

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50% to Baptist World Alliance Women's Department.

It is used for:

- Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer program (graphic design, printing, mailing)
- Special projects to help meet the needs of the women around the world
- Leadership Conference including scholarships
- Maintaining a website and e-news
- Travel for officers and Executive Director to encourage and support the Continental Unions
- Maintaining the world office (administrative costs)

50% to each Continental Union

It is used for:

- Helping Continental Union officers form new organizations of Baptist women
- Special programs: training and conferences
- Continental Day of Prayer projects
- Continental Union quinquennial conference including scholarships
- Travel for Continental Union officers to encourage national Baptist women's groups
- Operational costs for the Continental Union's administration work (All CU officers are volunteers)

Baptist World Alliance Women's Department and the BWA

Please pray for the leadership of BWA Women: Ksenija Magda, President; Kathy James, Secretary Treasurer; Moreen Sharp, Interim Executive Director; and the Continental

Union Presidents. Our purpose is connecting Baptist Women globally. Pray that we will always have wisdom as to the best ways to accomplish this!

Pray for guidance in priorities and balance in the lives of our president and secretary treasurer as they both work full time as well as carry the load of their BWA Women positions.

Pray for good health and good interactions for Ksenija Magda and Moreen Sharp as they travel to various countries in order to connect Baptist women.



Pray as the Search Committee works on the search process for new executive leaders.

Pray for BWA Women's Global Leadership Conference planned for Rio de Janeiro

in 2020, as preparations continue and decisions are made. Wisdom is needed! In particular *pray* that we can meet the goal of bringing together 2000 Baptist Women.

Pray for the success of the BWA Celebration 2020 which will follow after our conference in Rio.

Pray for wisdom, guidance and strength for the President of BWA Paul Misza, and the General Secretary Elijah Brown

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South West Pacific

PRAISE for the dedication of the women in our churches as they show Christ's love in their communities

Pray for the challenge of violence towards women and children. This often results from the drug culture, unemployment, and growing intergenerational dependence on welfare.

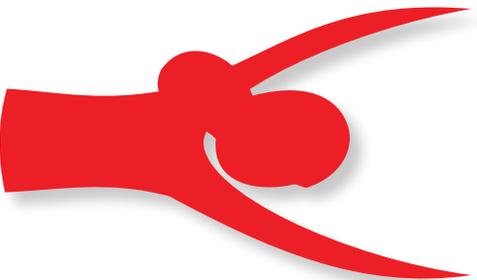


Pray for our women as they respond to weather related challenges; earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones and rising sea levels as they carry the burden of extra responsibilities. Ask the Lord for continuing strength as they meet the needs of the vulnerable in the continuing after effects of these disasters.

Pray for the Baptist women of the region, especially in Australia and New Zealand, to reconnect with the global concerns of women through the Day of Prayer.

Pray for the Governments of the Pacific that they will be stable and work in unity for the development of their peoples.

As we work towards our CU meetings in 2019 in Fiji, pray for women in Baptist Unions who are seeking membership in BWUSWP.



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North America

1. Pray for the Administrative Team and Executive Board of BWNA that they may receive God's vision, wisdom and discernment as they lead.

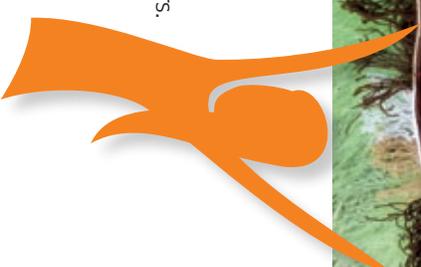
2. Pray for those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged, marginalized and abused in our society, and that God would strengthen and protect those who minister to them.

3. Pray that we would demonstrate how to be clothed with the compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience of Christ in our lives.

4. Pray that our eyes will be open to the injustices that surround us and rise up to give a voice to the voiceless.

5. Pray for a spirit of benevolence towards those affected by wildfires, floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

6. Pray for governments at all levels and those in authority over us that God would give them wisdom to use their power wisely.



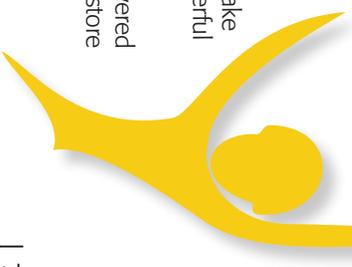
Latin America

1. Pray that God will powerfully use the new Executive Committee of the Baptist Women of Latin America, UFBAL, so they can continue working with the same commitment in the growth of the Latin America Baptist Woman and the Hispanic Women Associations of Texas and New York-New Jersey.

2. Pray that in each country the local Women's Unions will rise up and through the work they undertake, will support and strengthen the missionary work and evangelism in their local churches.

3. Pray that the Lord will raise up young women to undertake projects, so the light and love of Christ would be a powerful experience in the lives of those who are involved.

4. We pray to the Lord that the offering of this day be delivered with love and detachment, and be used to bless and restore many lives.



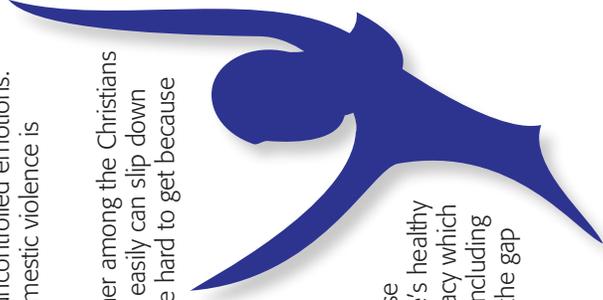
Europe

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Word of God, which will encourage us to love one another and to love the strangers, building up trust, faith and hope among neighbours, among the nations and even among the believers.

2. Pray for the new EBW Committee, which stood up in September 2018. Pray that the committee members always seek the source, Jesus Christ, to make the right decisions and set the right goals for their ministry, for their work among the European Baptist Women.
3. Europe faces social and moral challenges. Pray for the families—firstly to make it clear that marriage is between one man and one woman. Pray that couples will take responsibility for their offspring. Pray that the Europeans say 'NO' to child abuse and human trafficking.
4. Pray for the people who become trapped in any kind of addiction (depression, drugs, alcohol, sex etc.). Let us pray for the families who are open to welcome foster children, who are left by their biological parents because of their addiction or because of searching for a job in different countries, leaving children behind. All the economic and spiritual struggles cause strong uncontrolled emotions. Pray for peace in such families where painfully the domestic violence is destroying lives in many relationships.
5. Pray for a better social network all around Europe, either among the Christians or generally in the state, as many lose their jobs. They easily can slip down to the bottom of society and cannot get up, or jobs are hard to get because of age. Or their profession is out-of-date and it is hard for them to catch up to the present job market's needs.

6. Let us pray for good Christian entertainment options especially for the youth, because computer games on which they spend long hours or the movies are full of violence, occultism, uncontrolled pornography and false gender messages which all damage the young people's healthy spiritual growth. They can even cause functional illiteracy which blocks the correct understanding of written literature, including the Bible, and block clear communication deepening the gap between the generations.



Caribbean



Pray that sexual abuse of our nation's children be stopped, especially in Grenada, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and other Islands affected.

Pray for unity among all Baptist Churches in Barbados and Guyana.

Pray about violence in San Andres, Jamaica and other Islands.

Pray for the Caribbean Islands devastated by hurricanes especially Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands, Barbuda, Dominica. Also for those who had severe flood rains like Montego Bay, Jamaica. Pray for restoration of homes, churches, schools and other infrastructures that the people of these Islands can return to a measure of normalcy as quickly as possible.

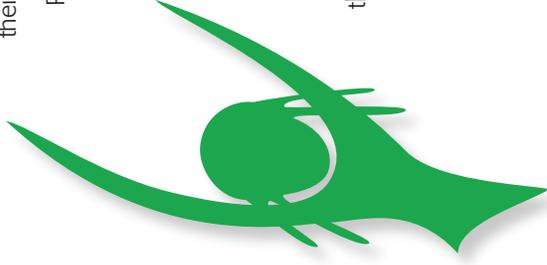
Pray that the Lord will use our churches in the fight against crime to reach young people who are caught in a web of violence, as well as physical and substance abuses which negatively impact their lives. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a mighty way to rescue them and restore a sense of love and wellbeing in our Islands.

Pray for stronger commitment and dedication of older women in our churches to mentoring the younger women to better prepare them for ministry in the church, godly management of homes and encouragement to serve in their communities.

Pray for our political leaders who need to pass laws and policies to navigate our Islands through the economic conditions affecting these Islands. We pray that these policies and laws will benefit all the citizens of our Islands.

Pray that the unemployment situation affecting the Islands of the Caribbean be addressed so that families can better meet their needs.

Pray that the chronic lifestyle diseases affecting especially the women of the Islands be given serious attention.



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Africa

Thank God for the Executive Committee. Ask God to give them sustained vision, faithfulness, strength and health to carry out the work He has called each of them to do.

Pray that Baptist women will experience the forgiveness of God as they forgive one another. May the Lord touch their hearts so that they will be transformation agents in order to impact the world for Christ.

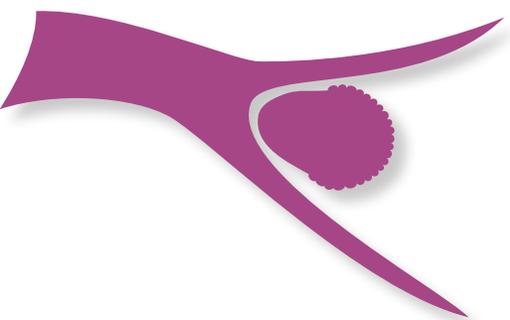


Pray for peace in Africa. Pray for divine protection against insecurity, terrorism, political unrest and war that affect many countries.

Pray for economic growth in Africa. May God grant African Governments wisdom to generate jobs so that Africans can be gainfully employed. This will help to raise self-confidence and self-esteem which will prevent young people from migration, and will produce stable communities.

Pray for Christian women in Leadership as they will reach out to the younger generation and unsaved through mentoring relationships and training.

Pray for all African Baptist Fellowship (AABF) Leadership as they seek God's wisdom in leading the Baptist family in Africa.



Asia

Pray for a common vision and harmonious working relationship among the newly elected officers of ABWU guided by its newly amended Constitution.

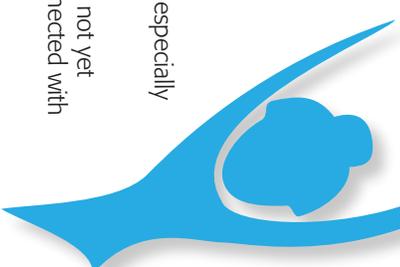
Pray for the promotion of the observance of the Day of Prayer that more women and women's groups will come to be involved. Pray that the women may see this as one of the ways of their involvement in supporting world missions and be challenged to give more support.

Pray for ways to involve more young women in the programs of ABWU which will help them to know more about this women's organization and offer them leadership training opportunities.

Pray for partnerships among the member bodies to strengthen and encourage one another in ministry.

Pray for the growth of the member bodies of ABWU especially in Vietnam, Cambodia and Bhutan.

Pray for membership expansion to countries that are not yet connected with ABWU and for members to stay connected with the ABWU Family.



Europe

1. The European Baptist Women recently held their conference with the topic "Love One Another" (John 15). This continent includes many different nations with different cultures. It endures hardships in practicing and showing acceptance, tolerance and fellowship, especially now as we are faced with the question of migration. To love one another challenges us particularly when Europe has denied the basic cultural foundation, Christianity. Pray for revival for Europe and a return to adherence to the



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