



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AUSTRALIA

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“Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk”

John 5:2-9

Millions of women around the globe will unite in prayer on Friday 6 March to mark the annual World Day of Prayer.

World Day of Prayer is a global movement of informed prayer and prayerful action. Prayer and action are what link Christians together around the world.

The prayer service is held on the first Friday in March in every continent. A different country each year shares their cultures and traditions and brings their hopes, joys and needs to the world. It is a collaborative grassroots effort led by ecumenical women.

“Do you want to be made well”? is the theme of this year’s World Day of Prayer service from Zimbabwe.

This life-changing question points people to God’s promises of personal and social transformation. “This is the time for change!” Zimbabwean Christians urge their fellow Christians gathering around the world.

World Day of Prayer Australia’s Elizabeth Clarke says through the prayer service Christian women of Zimbabwe promote healing in a country that searches for peace and reconciliation.

“We also are empowered to take up our mats. No more waiting powerlessly on the mat. Let us give a healing hand to the needy, let us embrace children with love especially those with a disability and let us open our arms in joy as the time to rise up has come.”

In Australia in 2020 a contribution will be made to the Bible Society to bring a program of healing to disabled children and practical and spiritual support to mothers in Zimbabwe.

If you would like to attend a service but don’t know where to find one, you can find the listing of all services by state/territory on www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org Click on the heading at the top right which says Worship Services.

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BACKGROUND

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service.

Through World Day of Prayer, women around the world:

- Affirm their faith in Jesus Christ;
- Share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows; their opportunities and needs.

Through World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged:

- To become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation;
- To be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures;
- To take up the burden of other people and pray with and for them;
- To become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society.