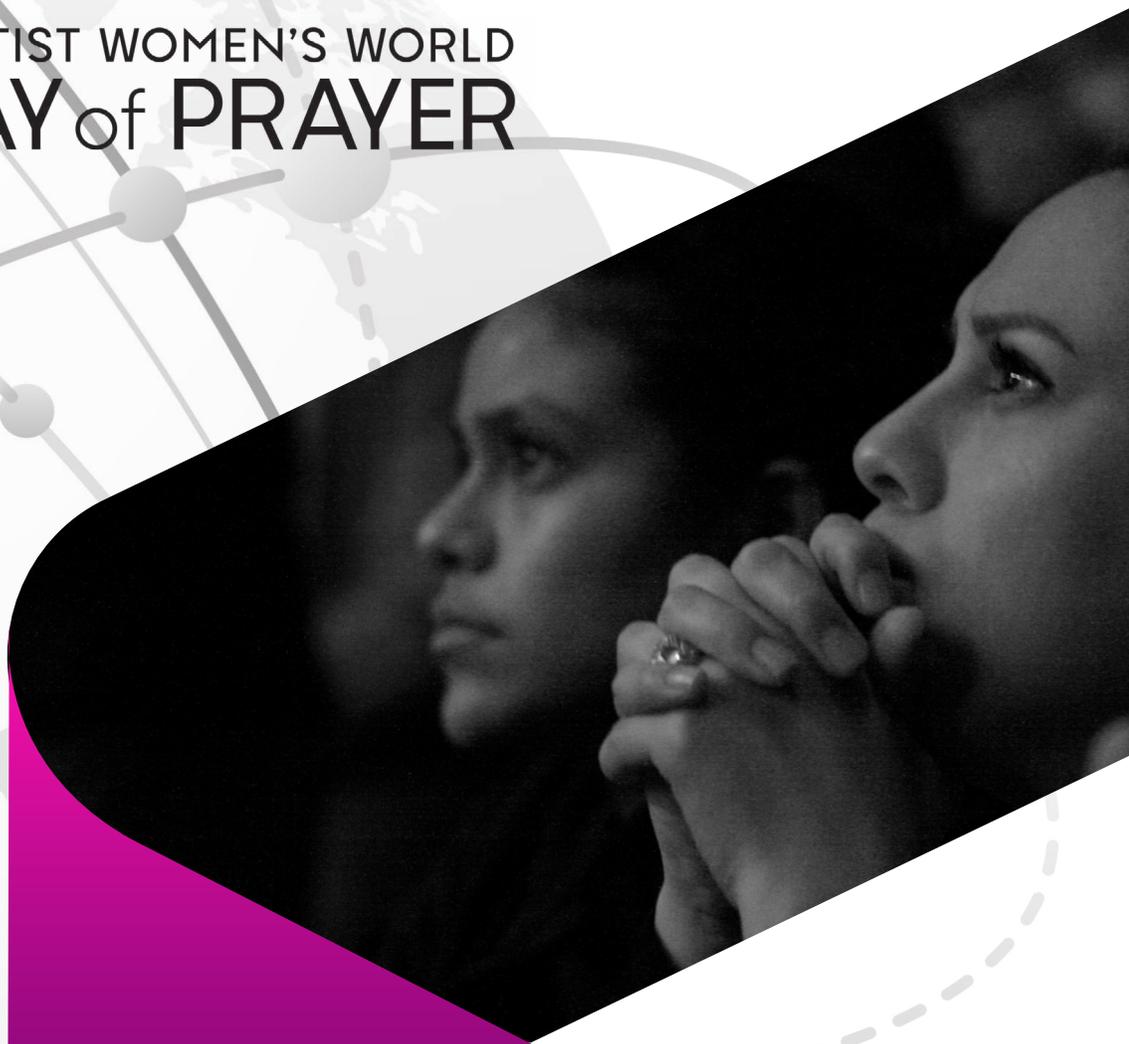




BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD  
**DAY of PRAYER**



**COURAGEOUS LIFE!**  
HEBREWS 13:6

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Life can be challenging for women on many fronts. Baptist World Alliance Women began 70 years ago to connect Baptist women around the world in order to bring encouragement and strength by standing together. BWA Women offers a supportive community of women in 156 countries who are building into lives through connections and resourcing so they can become courageous women who

love God deeply and are living out who God has designed them to be from the beginning of creation. As women thrive, everyone benefits.

Thank you for being part of this special day of standing in solidarity with your sisters all across the globe. Sisters are praying for each other in over 80 languages!

➔ **There is no "best way" of observing your Day of Prayer. Whichever way you choose, the focus should be on praying and giving. Together we are bringing the issues and concerns of your sisters around the world before a God who can bring hope and healing to all people. Your event can be held for an hour or two, for a full day or a weekend. It can be held in a church, home, coffee shop, or even by video-conference as we found out in 2020! There are a variety of materials to choose from in this guide as well as online. Use what you feel would be best suited for the women in your context.**

**See [bwawd.org/day-of-prayer-this-year](https://www.bwawd.org/day-of-prayer-this-year) to find more resources: promotional poster, planning guide, creative ideas for your Day of Prayer experience, video greetings from leaders, extra Bible studies, more stories of courageous women, LIFE theme song (lyrics, song sheet and video), photos for use with power point, history of Day of Prayer and other resources.**

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## **LIFE! Solidarity jewelry**

If you give a personal donation of \$35 USD or more, that isn't specified as Day of Prayer offering, you will receive a beautiful commemorative LIFE pendant, pin, keychain or fridge magnet as a reminder to continue to pray for your global sisters all throughout the year. Wearing this jewelry is a way we can be reminded that we are standing together as we each live out a courageous life of loving God deeply and living out all He has called us to. Find the jewelry on the website at <https://www.bwawd.org/donation-gifts>

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For a deeper understanding of the global reach of Day of Prayer, be sure to check out [facebook.com/BWAWomenDepartment/](https://facebook.com/BWAWomenDepartment/) especially on and following the Day of Prayer. There you will see photos of some of the thousands of our global sisters who participate in this experience along with you.

# COURAGEOUS LIFE

## A BIBLE STUDY BY KAREN WILSON



*“So, we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?’”*

**Hebrews 13:6**

These words are bold and daring. They declare a courage that comes only because the Lord is by our side. Courage is not the absence of fear, but the ability to push through fear.

The Apostle Paul, when writing these words, had every reason to be fearful. Mere mortals had done him a lot of harm. In 2 Corinthians 11:23-27 we read a list of things he suffered:

Paul had been in prison, flogged, and exposed to death many

times. He had received forty lashes 5 times and been beaten with rods 3 times. He had been attacked with stones and had been shipwrecked three times. He had been in danger from bandits, from natural elements, and from Jews and Gentiles alike. He had found himself in danger in the city, in the country, and at sea. He had often gone without sleep, without food, without water, and been cold and naked.

Paul understood a challenging life! However, even after all this, he found the courage to press on. How is that possible?

I believe the reason Paul could so

confidently put his trust in the Lord was because time and time again God’s words resounded in his heart: “I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.” (Hebrews 13:5)

One of the times when he found himself in prison, just after the birth of the church at Philippi, Paul wrote these words:

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all

understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:4-7)

Within these verses are four keys to courageous living:

### **1. Remember to rejoice**

Praise the Lord despite the circumstances. A small candle can throw great light and a small word of praise can shift a heavy heart. Praise Him for his comfort, for His presence, for His leading, for His strength. Praise Him for His holiness, His mercy, His love, and His grace. Praise God continually for who He is – not for what He can do, but for who He came to be to each one of us.

### **2. Remember He is with you**

We are never alone. We can go to the darkest places on Earth – God is there. We can go to the highest mountains – God is there. We can walk the deepest valleys – God is there. There is nowhere the Spirit of the living God cannot reach us or cannot go with us. He is there and He promises never to leave us or forsake us (Matthew 28:20). I remember walking through some

of the worst brothels in India and wondering if in such a dark place His love could be present. As I spoke with women standing in line waiting for customers, as I shared my heart and held their hands and shared their chai tea...I realized God was indeed there.

### **3. Remember to give thanks**

When we pray, we should begin with thanks. He is the giver of every good gift (James 1:17) and he loves to bless His children (Matthew 7:11). Thank Him for all things. Thank Him for your health, for His provision, for salvation, for a meal on the table...the list is endless. Join with the Psalmist when he says, “I will praise the LORD at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. I will boast only in the LORD; let all who are helpless take heart.” (Psalm 34:1-2) With praise on our lips, our heart grows in courage.

### **4. Remember peace is what guards your heart**

If we live this way, His peace reigns. Though the world may fall and troubles may come, (John 16:33) our peace is not determined by our circumstances. Sometimes God calms

the storm, but sometimes God lets the storm rage and calms His child. We are exhorted in the Proverbs, “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” (Proverbs 4:23) Let His peace rest upon you; let His peace settle in your heart; breathe deeply of His peace that is beyond all understanding (Philippians 4:7) and face challenges with a posture of courage.

### **Conclusion**

Courageous living will require us to be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power (Ephesians 6:10); to stand firm (Ephesians 6:11); to dress well for the battles we will face (Ephesians 6:13-17); to be prayerful and faith-filled (Ephesians 6:18) and to fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel to a world in great need (Ephesians 6:19).

It will require us to say with those who have gone before, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.”

**For other Bible Studies on the theme from other continents, see [bawd.org/LIFE-Bible-studies](http://bawd.org/LIFE-Bible-studies)**

# PRAYER FOR COURAGE

**Dear God, give me courage.**

**Give me courage to speak out,**

**To stand up for the right**

**To stand with those who are vulnerable**

**To stand up for those who need my encouragement**

**Even as I need theirs.**

**Make me a courageous woman who is empowered by your Spirit**

**To do what you would have me to do**

**To be who you made me to be.**

**Give me courage to admit my failings where I am weak**

**And courage to ask forgiveness when I have wronged.**

**Give me courage to follow you even when voices around me**

**within me**

**say I'm not enough**

**or it can't be done**

**by me.**

**I need your courage to change and to grow.**

**I need your courage to thrive**

**Because it is only in thriving that the world will see YOU. Your love, your grace, your strength, your power, your glory.**

**And I want that, Lord Jesus.**

**Do it in me.**

**Do it through me.**

**Because the world needs you.**

**It is in Jesus' name I pray**

# STORIES OF COURAGEOUS WOMEN



## **Preeti's Journey into Courageous Leadership**

During childhood I was an introvert, shy though studious. I never mingled with anyone apart from a close group of friends. Things started to gradually

change after I finished school and intermediate. Around that time, I happened to attend a church inauguration ceremony in Hyderabad. My cousin, who is the same age as me, stood confidently in front of a whole congregation and spoke boldly. This episode made me think—how am I inferior to her? Why can I not stand there and speak to the crowd? This rang the bell and slowly things started to change!

My first steppingstone to leadership was when I was chosen as the Class Representative in my first year toward a Bachelor of Engineering. I knew for sure that God had been working through me and the change he was about to make in me. I started to address issues at my college, giving presentations and making decisions. I also started speaking during family functions or gatherings, which were conducted mostly in church.

A turning point in my life was when God gave me the opportunity to pursue a Master of Science from California State University, Sacramento. I flew to California all alone at the age of 21 to pursue my studies. This was the phase when I learned to be independent, discover my strengths, study relations, and most importantly know the power which keeps us going.

The first time that I ever got on to the stage was during VBS. The moment which changed my thought process was during an inauguration ceremony for a church. All the family speeches and testimonies I shared were all in church. I am to the place now where I have even had opportunity to preach. Yes! It all started in church; everything is so well planned by our precious Lord!

My journey from being a shy and introverted girl to a confident and strong woman was possible only because it was God's will and plan for my life. It is He who has given me the confidence and the zeal to push my limits. I know all of this is not by accident, but God has chosen me to be his instrument in building his Kingdom.

**Preeti is from India and the social media editor for BWA Women.**



## **Joyce's Journey in Courageous Leadership**

Since I was a little girl, my mom has been my role model for what it means to be a woman of faith and courage. She always took me to our local Baptist church where

I could be surrounded by women who lived their lives fully committed to the Lord. I grew up going to Girl's Ministry and there I was taught how to live a life like the woman of Proverbs 31: precious, talented, beautiful, devoted to and passionate about all God places in her hands.

The women I encountered in my local Baptist church and at regional and national Baptist meetings, made me realize the importance of living a courageous life. When I received an invitation to be the Baptist Children's Ministry Coordinator in my city, at first, I was concerned I wouldn't be up to the work. The Baptist Women Association in my city reassured me and encouraged me to take the responsibility. They told me that He who was calling me would equip and direct

my every step on this journey. I served this ministry for two years until the Lord called me to do so much more for Him in other areas. Leading the Baptist Children's Ministry in my city was the perfect training and encouragement I needed to be able to lead children's projects in mission fields around the world.

I am thankful that the Lord is raising up women across the globe who are strong leaders and devoted servants. These women's wisdom and leadership are changing many lives. My prayer is that the Lord keeps raising up more and more Proverbs 31 women who do everything with strength and dignity and live inspiring and courageous lives.

**Joyce Porto is from Brazil but at the time of writing she is a student intern working for Wilberforce 21 in Virginia, USA. Wilberforce 21 is a human rights organization dedicated to defending religious freedom on the global scale.**

**To see Preeti's and Joyce's stories in more detail, please see [www.bwawd.org/courageous-life-stories](http://www.bwawd.org/courageous-life-stories)**



**See the website for more stories of courageous women: (Kele-Fiji, Betsy-Peru, Fernanda-Brazil, Irene-Togo, Sonia-Pakistan)**

# PROJECTS FOR 2021 DAY OF PRAYER:



## Blessings from Frog Farming

**Organization:**

The Baptist Christian Women of the 12th District of Church of Christ in Thailand (CCT)

**Country:**

Thailand

In 2018 Pastor Nittaya started the Frog Farm from her own savings and began growing frogs to sell in order to support Siam Nation Church Nakorn Phanom. Frog meat is very tasty and can be cooked in a variety of ways. Investment in the Frog Farm project will allow further support for orphans, underprivileged children, and widows by teaching them skills related to frog farming, encouraging education, and building solid foundations of faith in Jesus Christ.



**WANTED: LIGHTERS OF HOPE!**

## Lighters of Hope in Darkness

**Organization:**

Philippine Women Missionary Unions of the Baptist Convention

**Country:**

Philippines

Women, as managers of the home, are finding it difficult to make ends meet because of scarce work opportunities. Children are experiencing stress due to online education and lack of activities outside the home. The Lighters of Hope project will provide resources to lift up psychological well-being through online resource kits that help identify, prevent, and address mental health issues. The project will impact economic issues by providing money to start small businesses and livelihood projects to augment families' income.



## Library for Baptist Multifunctional Center

**Organization:**

JBB/Baptist Women's Group

**Country:**

Cameroon

The Multifunctional Center of the Baptist Women's Union in Douala, Cameroon was established with the goal of improving Baptist women's standard of living through practical training. By creating a library space in the Center, women and girls will be able to enjoy reading and be informed about changes around the world. Since public libraries no longer exist in the area, the hope is also to transform lives through education and evangelization as non-Baptist members utilize the space



## Sewing Club

**Organization:**  
Vanuatu Baptist Women

**Country:**  
Vanuatu

In addition to the economic effects of the pandemic, Vanuatu suffered devastation from cyclone Harold in 2020. In response, the Vanuatu Baptist Women will start a sewing club to assist young mothers, who are financially struggling. The club will seek to enable these women to make clothes for their families and create products to sell, giving them much needed income. The club will also include fellowship over a snack, a discussion of the gospel, and lessons on budgeting finances.

**For more details on all of these projects, please see the website under Day of Prayer Projects**

# GETTING CREATIVE

In 2020, you all did so well at finding creative ways to experience the Day of Prayer. We hope that this year's Day of Prayer will be able to be held in person wherever possible but we all learned ways we can also do it digitally whether through video-conference meetings, phone calls, texts or by email. Let's be creative as we continue to come together in prayer. It's not always possible to meet in person. There are ways to work with that. A few ideas:

- ◆ Text Prayer Groups:
  - Gather a group together and commit to pray at a particular time and text each other prayer needs
- ◆ Email Prayer Groups
  - Set up an email group and send each other prayer requests
- ◆ WhatsApp, Skype, Zoom
  - Utilize video calling to facilitate your prayer time

### Here are some other ideas for creative expressions:

#### 1. Traditional Prayer Events

Conventional occasions that occur at church and various public spaces. For planning ideas for a conventional church meeting, see: [bwawd.org/planning-tips](http://bwawd.org/planning-tips)

#### 2. Private Prayer Gatherings

Intimate events, which are hosted in small locations, such as homes, libraries, or coffee shops. Use the guide and even watch the online greetings or messages from the global leaders to add to your event.

#### 3. Prayer in Public Spaces

Open prayer tables or booths in public sites, such as college



campuses, subway stations, or street corners, etc. where hosts offer prayer for anyone who wants it throughout the day.

#### 4. Praying Throughout the Year

Encourage one another to pray over the prayer requests during the following year. Purchase a LIFE pendant, pin or fridge magnet to remind you to pray.

#### 5. Prayer Walking

Set up prayer rooms in your church and offer a variety of prayer stations representing the Continental Unions.

**6. Let your younger women plan the whole event. For a multitude of other creative ways to experience your time of prayer, please visit [bwawd.org/Creative-Day-of-Prayer](http://bwawd.org/Creative-Day-of-Prayer)**

# THANK YOU FOR TAKING UP AN OFFERING

## PLEASE SEND OFFERINGS TO YOUR CONTINENTAL UNION

The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is central in the life of Baptist World Alliance Women. This annual observance is the means by which Baptist women from every continent stand together, grow in effectiveness, and impact the world for Christ by helping women thrive. Offerings taken on this day provide the main source of income needed for BWA Women's ministry and projects on the continental and global scale. Thank you for your donations!

### Asian Baptist Women's Union

**Receiving Bank:** Oversea – Chinese Banking Corporation Limited  
**Beneficiary Name:** Lim Sai Mooi/Myint Myint San  
**Account:** 687-514216-001  
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**Branch Code:** 687  
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### Baptist Women's Union of Africa

**Name of Bank:** UBA  
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**Swift Code:** UNAFCMCX  
**Country Code:** CM21  
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**IBAN:** CM21 10033 05207 07031000281 31

### Baptist Women's Union of Latin America

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**Note:** Canadians can give through your denominational Women's Department. Please see [www.bwna.today](http://www.bwna.today) for the addresses.

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**Name of account:** Baptist Womens Union Of The South West Pacific  
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## WOMEN HELPING WOMEN (Covid crisis relief)

ABWU helping 10 countries and 15 organisations through this programme.



To under privileged Women and Children and Women and Children fleeing conflict zone in tempory shelters.

INDIA



PHILIPPINES



MEASOD, THAILAND



INDONESIA



MYANMAR



NEPAL



THAI-MYANMAR BORDER



VOLUNTEERS, MYANMAR



### Prayer for:

1. Pray for sensible policies to tackle economic and political challenges brought on by the pandemic and for increased job opportunities and global cooperation. Pray for hope that is only in Christ Jesus.
2. Praise God for financial stability and the capacity to continue good work and ministries. Pray for renewal of leadership and that more younger women will become involved. Praise God that a closer bond was built among our member bodies, all the presidents and the four leaders, as they met more often, making full use of social media for His ministry.
3. Pray for Grace Baptist Women & Children Ministry, Pakistan as they struggle to support their shelter. Pray also for single mothers and widows who struggle for survival in Hong Kong and Rise and Shine, Nepal.
4. Pray for a restoration of peace and order in the face of political and economic instability and ethnic conflicts in Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Myanmar, and Pakistan. Pray that God will prevent bloodshed and show His mercy as people are willing to be more united in showing God's compassion in spite of conflicts and threats.
5. Pray for protection against the increase in domestic violence. Pray for social justice for women and children in some Asian countries. Pray against discrimination, exploitation, and abuse and for authorities to hear voices and petitions.
6. Praise God for enabling the committee to raise funds for the Women Helping Women project. May God bless those willing and generous individuals partnering with ABWU.



ABWU has 36 member bodies in 19 countries



# BWNA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

## EMPOWERMENT & NETWORKING

*Sessions*  
2020 CALENDAR

*Baptist Women of North America's Leadership Development Sessions were well received with 173 registered participants from all over the world.*

### Prayer for:

1. Pray for organizations grappling to bridge the gap between the needs of older and younger women as they seek to honour the faithful while also trying to forge ahead into new territory.
2. Praise God for the Virtual Internship program that provides opportunities for young Baptist women leaders to shadow members of the Administrative Team of BWNA and gain valuable strategic job and leadership skills.
3. Pray for the Inside Outside program of TREY (Trauma Recovery for Exploited Youth), an organization that provides a safe restorative family environment to youth ages 16 and up who are recovering from sex trafficking. Pray for volunteers who are experiencing fatigue and burnout, pray also for new recruits for this program.
4. Pray for healing and reconciliation for indigenous women who may have a heart for ministry but need mentoring and leadership training to support them in the work they do in their communities.
5. Pray for the weekly online prayer ministry. Pray that more women would engage in this ministry and that Baptist Women of North America would grow in their devotion to prayer.
6. Praise God for the new monthly Empowerment and Networking Webinar series that engages a wide cross-section of Baptist women, helping them enhance their leadership skills and prepare for improved services in their areas of ministry.



**BWNA connects 16 member bodies in 2 countries**

BAPTIST WOMEN OF NORTH AMERICA



## dignity packs for women

FOR VICTIMS OF CYCLONE HAROLD

*BWP event: Fundraiser for the Baptist Women of Vanuatu following the devastation of Cyclone Harold. In April 2020, tropical cyclone Harold tore through the south-west Pacific. It wreaked damage in Fiji, Tonga and especially Vanuatu. The homes of some of our Vanuatuan sisters were decimated and they were cut off from basic resources such as water. The BWP managed online contact with Baptist Women's President, Mary Kaltabang, who reported damage and needs. The BWP team quickly organised for funds to be raised online for "Dignity Packs" so our women could have their basic hygiene needs met. Within 2 weeks AU\$1500 was raised and transferred to the Vanuatuan Baptist Church. Sister Kaltabang organised the purchase and distribution of the dignity packs which included water and toothpaste.*

### Prayer for:

1. Please pray over our biggest challenges, which are language barriers and limited internet in some countries.
2. Praise God that the Pasifika sisters are especially committed to our ministry and express passion in serving this way. They are willing to travel difficult terrain over long distances to meet.
3. Pray for the development of the Domestic Violence project which seeks to better equip Australian Baptist pastors
4. Pray for the many women have lost their jobs due to Covid-19 due to severe downturn in travel. Tourism is one the major sources of employment in the Pacific.
5. Pray our CU Presidents can meet together for a seminar on Healthy, Safe Families. Pray for the reignition of the Birth Huts project in Papua New Guinea.



**BWP connects 7 member bodies in 7 countries**



*Baptist Women’s Union of Africa has focused on helping women alleviate poverty through training and also in preparing emerging leaders. Pictured is a young women’s group called “Good Seed.” They are being mentored to take over as leaders of Central Africa Baptist Women.*

**Prayer for:**

1. Lack of provisions makes it difficult to carry out planned activities. Poverty increased during the period of COVID-19 as economic activity declined. Pray for women across Africa who have lost their jobs and could not afford for their families to surrender to God so that he will open doors and multiply the supplies in their homes, their churches and their communities. Pray that all may go well with them.
2. Sister Barbara Singermann has served in Africa for many years as a Baptist missionary. Give thanks to God for keeping her and her husband safe. Praise Him for using her during the lockdown to provide monthly prayers and home worship booklets.
3. In South Africa, BWUA is supporting a project to give shelter to abused women and children. Pray that husbands will love their wives and fathers will bring their children up according to the word of God. Pray that church leaders will stand against abuse.
4. Pray for peace and stability throughout the continent and unity in our families and our communities. Pray that we will forgive each other, establish stronger relationships, and seek the Lord together.
5. Praise God for the BWA Aid-relief Commission which will assist vulnerable people and relieve sufferings in South Africa; this is an answer to last year’s prayers.

➔ **BWUA connects women from 37 countries**



*Leadership Development Training in the Caribbean where new leaders were trained in “Transformational Leadership” by facilitator Karlene Edwards-Warrick.*

### **Prayer for:**

1. Please pray that all the women’s groups on the islands will connect with the umbrella body on their island.
2. Thank God for sending women who are offering themselves for ministry and serving diligently.
3. Pray that the Baptist Union of Trinidad and Tobago Women’s Department Horticulture and Training Project would continue to provide employment, food and training for those in need. Pray that the Grenada Baptist Women’s Association will continue to thrive in their entrepreneurial project of providing employment and training for women.
4. Pray for the training and development of new leaders, which is the biggest need in the islands represented by CBWU.
5. Pray for the training and development of women leaders on the islands. Pray that communication would be strengthened between the islands.
6. Praise God for sending younger women who are offering themselves for ministry.



**CBWU connects women from 17 member bodies in the Islands across the Caribbean**



Dear Sisters,

*That which makes us different enriches us where we share our experiences with Christ and how He shapes us at every step, limiting us so that every day we become more like Him. Some barriers, such as language, disappear when we pray. In Christ there is hope.*

*Once again I saw that the mission is global. Jesus came to give us life in abundance, but we will only have that abundant life if we are like the sheep in the hands of the shepherd. We will always have a price to pay, to leave ourselves and to follow, but He is the true life, full of joy and peace.*

**Raquel Abellán from Spain, UMMBE President**

*Over the past 20 years, I have developed a personal bond with many women through the work of the EBWU. What a joy to see some of those familiar faces at the Zoom EBWU seminar during the EBF meeting and at the Zoom meeting of the Day of Prayer 2020. It is a blessing that we live in a time when technology allows us to be together, even though we live thousands of miles apart. The LIFE theme could not have been better chosen for this year because precious LIFE has been endangered for many during this COVID-19 time. That we can pray for this and for other important subjects, unified amidst our beautiful diversity, is a gift from God.*

**Wies Dijkstra, The Netherlands, EBWU former Vice President 2008-2018**

*Thanks to the organizers of the conference. I believe it was not in vain that we gathered and prayed. Through the conference, many sisters were able to stay in fellowship, take a break from all worries, illnesses and feel the breath of the Holy Spirit in the heart of every woman.*

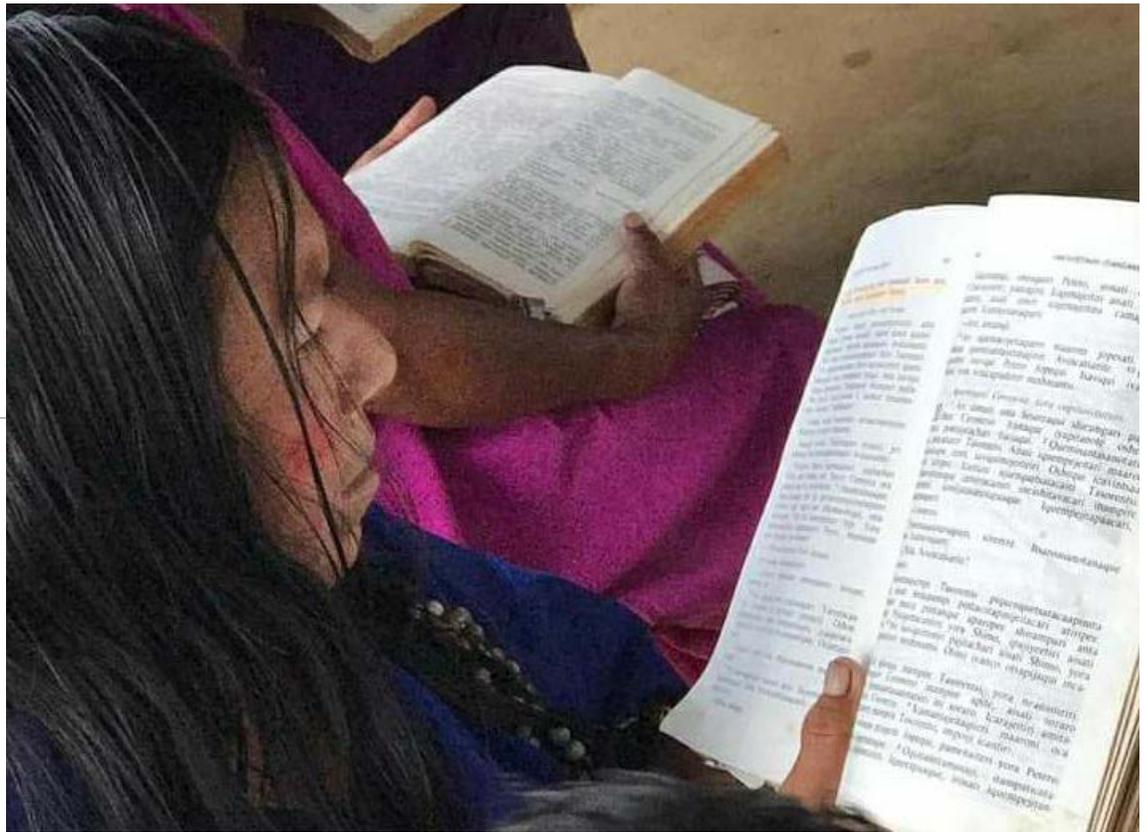
**Sister Janny, Belarus in response to the conference celebrating the 25th anniversary of women's ministry in Belarus.**

### **Prayer for:**

1. We pray that circumstances such as Brexit will not lead to isolation. May God protect unity, connectedness, and fellowship among Baptist women within the EBWU region.
2. We pray that Christians in our EBWU region will stand firm in faith and fix their eyes on Jesus in these difficult times our region is facing. Pray for hearts to be full of the Holy Spirit and deep love for Jesus Christ and for them to bring His victory and encouragement everywhere they live.
3. Please open people's eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of materialism, selfishness, racism etc. to God, and that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus.
4. We pray for our leaders (leaders in government, leaders in congregations, leaders in jobs, etc.) Let their decisions be Christian and wise so that they will not lose the goodness of God and will receive blessings.
5. Heavenly Father, please bless those who suffered the consequences of the pandemic in ways such as grief, domestic violence, social distancing, unemployment, homelessness, schooling at home, working at home, postponed surgeries, etc.
6. We also pray for those living in countries with social instability, economic collapse, persecution, war, and climate disasters.



**EBWU connects women in 50 countries across Europe and the Middle East**



*As a result of your offerings, UFBAL received a grant from the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer and it has blessed hundreds of people. UFBAL's focus for this grant was on the ethnic people in Latin America. 500 Bibles have been delivered in their native language, four wells have been built in four communities and ethnic people in Ecuador were helped during the pandemic. Your offerings have impacted over 2000 lives through this project in countless ways!*

### Prayer for:

1. We pray over our dream to support a Latin American woman missionary to work with women in India as we take our first steps toward this goal. The project is called "Treasures in Heaven."
2. We pray over our quinquennial goal which is the impact we want to have on future generations.
3. We pray for Ethnicns and the influence the Gospel will have in their cultures.
4. We pray for PEPES, the Christian kindergarten for children from poor areas.
5. Please pray for these big needs:  
An end to domestic violence  
Jobs for young people  
A deepening in our walk with God
6. We pray that a free phone line would be established for EVERY Latin American Country to give support to women who are facing unexpected pregnancies. Right now, we have a communication center in Argentina which connects requests to the specific vice presidents.

Liliana Fernandez de Farina, president of UFBAL, is so thankful for your prayers. She is grateful for God's answer to those prayers in the good team she works with. She sees them as a real gift from God to her. Every vice-president from each country is involved with the UFBAL program and the weekly virtual prayer time on Tuesday as well as 30 minute video conferences on Friday.

➔ **UFBAL: 25 member bodies in 21 countries are working together for the next generations!**

# GLOBAL BWA WOMEN AND BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Each year Baptist women come together in New York to be trained at the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations. This is not a Christian conference but there is much we can learn from each other as we seek solutions for women's issues around the world. Pray that the Baptist women who participate each year will be able to use the training to apply it with God's love in their contexts. **(For more information on this, see <https://www.bwawd.org/resources>)**

## **Prayer Requests for Baptist World Alliance Women and Baptist World Alliance**

1. Our desire as BWA Women is that Baptist women around the world thrive. There is so much in our world that attempts to hinder women from living out all that God has called us to be and do.

Please pray that our core values will be met and exceeded in women's lives through the next year.

- Every woman finding her true worth and strength in Christ.
- Every woman living out all God made her to be and do.
- This will help her thrive and as every woman thrives, everyone benefits.

2. By the time we have Day of Prayer 2021, we will have held the online Global Conference of Baptist Women and the BWA Congress. Please pray that women will continue

to find encouragement and inspiration as a result of participating in this wonderful experience.

3. Pray for the new Executive Director of BWA Women as she adjusts to her role.
4. Pray for real wisdom from God for each of the leaders of BWA Women Continental Unions as well as for President Karen Wilson and Secretary/Treasurer Sherrie Cherdak.
5. Pray for continued guidance for BWA General Secretary Elijah Brown and over the responsibility he carries.
6. Please pray as we begin new online training workshops to further resource Baptist women around the world



**TOGETHER BWA Women connects women from 151 countries of the world to help women thrive**



**BWA WOMEN**  
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*Please note this new BWA Women logo*

