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2025 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

"Living the Good News"

A Global Prayer Initiative of Baptist World Alliance Women

Participant Guide

1950-2025: 75 Years of Impact

Our Mission

This year marks a remarkable milestone – the 75th anniversary of the Baptist Women’s World Day of Prayer. We give thanks to God for this rich legacy of kingdom impact and feel a renewed call to carry this mission forward. In the midst of the many challenges our world faces today, it is more vital than ever that we unite in prayer in our homes, churches, and communities across the globe. Our 2025 theme is “Living the Good News” drawn from Luke 4:18-19: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

As we assemble online and in person to pray together, I hope you will experience afresh the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through you to not only share the Good News but to live it. Join with sisters in more than 100 countries who are interceding for their communities and seeking to be Gospel-bearers in the world. Link hearts and hands with others as we seek the wisdom of God’s Word, pray with intention, and learn how the Lord is moving in every part of the world.

This global movement includes the Day of Prayer Annual Offering, an opportunity to give generously in support of the ministry of Baptist World Alliance Women and our seven Continental Unions. Your financial gifts support projects that are making an eternal difference, providing practical help for women and children in need, and equipping Baptist women to impact their communities for Christ. On behalf of our global leadership, thank you for being a vital part of this season of giving that propels world-changing ministry throughout the entire year. It is an honor to serve our great God alongside you!

Living the Good News Together,
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TOGETHER WE PRAY

Together We Pray for ASIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION

- The currency devaluations, speculative pressure, and heavy foreign borrowing among Asian countries is causing an economic crisis in Asia. In addition, global inflation is leading to poverty and hardship for many. Women and children are the most vulnerable and are often neglected. Pray for local churches to share holistic Gospel witness that brings hope through community care like ABWU's "Women Helping Women" Project.
- Pray for sustainable freedom of religion and belief across Asia, including in Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Pakistan, and Vietnam. Pray for open doors to share the Good News with people from all walks of life in all Asian countries and for protection in areas where Christians are persecuted for their faith.
- Pray for the nations to be governed with honesty and integrity by God-fearing people. Pray for people of faith to be voices of hope and truth.
- With earthquakes and tsunamis affecting Japan and Taiwan, landslides in India, and cyclones, typhoons, and flooding impacting the Philippines, Bangladesh, and Pakistan, pray that the people of Asia will be protected from the effects of these natural disasters. Pray for opportunities to respond to practical needs, increase awareness about creation care, and collectively steward our environmental resources in God-honoring ways.
- Pray for peace to prevail in the conflicts happening across the region, for long-term stability, and cooperation among leaders.

Together We Pray for BAPTIST WOMEN OF NORTH AMERICA

- Domestic violence continues to be a plague on families in North America. Pray for all those caught in the harmful, tragic cycle of trauma that living with violence and other forms of abuse brings. Ask God to intervene in the lives of the perpetrators to bring them to true repentance.
- Both the United States and Canada are experiencing a time of upheaval and disruption within their respective governments. Pray for God to grant wisdom to each governmental leader at the local and national level. Pray for all governments to work for the public good and to support freedom of worship. Pray for all citizens to seek ways to contribute positively to their communities.
- Many churches and organizations struggle to engage their youth. BWNA has developed a program called SALT to mentor young women in missional entrepreneurship. Pray for the women who will commit to this program, for the change that it will foster in their communities, and for the growth that each young woman who participates will experience.

- Pray for God to help us live out the Biblical instruction to care for refugees and to be instruments of Christ's compassion in the lives of those in need. Pray for God to give us the creativity, boldness, and wisdom to be part of the solution in our communities.

- Pray that those suffering job loss, housing loss, high medical costs, and fragile financial situations find solutions and support as they face this difficult challenge. Pray for opportunities to be God's hands and feet as we join together to work toward real solutions to these and other financially-based crises.

Together We Pray for BAPTIST WOMEN OF THE PACIFIC

- Pray for the people of Vanuatu as they heal and recover from the devastating effects of the recent earthquake. Pray especially for the children who are suffering trauma as a result of this disaster.

- Pray for three of our Papuan women who serve as Provincial Members of Parliament. Ask the Lord to strengthen them as they seek to serve in a way that brings glory and honor to the Lord.

- Pray for New Zealand Baptist Women as they continue to heal and move through the reconciliation process after the New Zealand Baptist Union humbly recognized the pain and sorrow caused to women in their movement by misogynistic and prejudiced behavior.

- We continue to pray against the devastation of domestic abuse wrought against women in the Pacific. We pray for restored and respectful families. We pray especially for our Tongan Baptist sisters as they seek to reach victims in their community, offering the hope of Jesus and practical assistance.

- Pray for the new Baptist Women of the Pacific Executive Committee as they begin their season of service. Pray that they would follow the Lord's leading and be obedient to the Holy Spirit as they serve the women of the Pacific over the next four years.

Together We Pray for BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION OF AFRICA

- Pray for genuine revival and transformation in Baptist churches. Ask God to break cycles of poverty, alcoholism, and apathy so his people may serve him wholeheartedly. Pray for faithful stewardship and generous hearts for God's work.

- Pray for strong, wise leaders at every level – local, national, regional, and international. Ask God to bring unity where divisions hinder growth and blessing. Pray for both spiritual and economic growth in the church, for women to be empowered in missions and evangelism, and for God's provision to expand mission initiatives so more people may come to Christ.

- Pray for political stability in the region and intercede for peace and security during general elections and church leadership elections. Pray for economic stability and an end to unemployment, especially among women and youth. Pray for financial freedom so that women

can participate more fully in prayer gatherings, church ministry, as well as regional and BWUA conferences.

- Pray for wisdom in navigating new government regulations, especially in Rwanda and Burundi, where many churches have been closed due to the new standards. Pray for the Church to reach out consistently to the needy, especially women facing poverty and low literacy levels. Pray for initiatives that address Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) within churches and society. Pray for the financial resources to facilitate vocational training programs and literacy initiatives that empower women and communities.

- Pray for the countries that are at war and intercede for peace and protection for those facing persecution and hardship. We pray for the rescue and safety of all people suffering due to terrorism and political conflicts.

Together We Pray for BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION OF LATIN AMERICA

- Pray for the children and adolescents of Latin America and the world. Pray that the truth of the Gospel may reach their lives and that God's love may give them hope and life. Pray that many lives may be restored and transformed so that those who are reached may take the message to others.

- Pray for Latin American Baptist women to be agents of transformation in their communities, bringing God's love to every woman who needs Christ in their lives. May God use them in the most vulnerable and needy communities to meet needs and fulfill the Great Commission.

- Pray for the new Continental Union leaders. Pray that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit, guided by God's Word, and strengthened through the collaboration of women in their churches so the ministry may grow and be a source of great blessing.

- Pray for our missionary Grace, the first missionary supported by the Union, as she serves in Asia. Pray for God's provision for her sustenance, health, and well-being. Ask God to open doors for her to share the Good News and impact many lives.

- Pray for God's provision in every country across the continent. Ask the Lord to supply the resources needed for social and evangelistic projects so that many people's needs are met and lives are transformed by the Gospel.

Together We Pray for CARIBBEAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION

- Pray for teenagers and young adults across the Caribbean islands and countries who are facing difficult circumstances at home, struggling with their identity, and battling peer pressure. Pray for positive male and female role models to give guidance and support for this critical season of life.

- Pray for women trying to cope with tragic situations such as missing family members and economic hardships. Pray for women's health issues, including the rising cases of breast cancer among younger women.
- Pray for Christians who have drifted away to return to God and renew their commitment to sharing the Good News. Pray for those actively serving in God's kingdom to remain rooted in Christ and faithful in multiplying his flock.
- Pray for government leadership to ensure peace leading up to, during, and following general elections. Pray for fairness in the distribution of resources, access to quality services and healthcare, and just laws that ease the burdens of the working class and the poor.
- Pray for swift action against violence and crime. Pray for an end to drug trafficking and drug use that is harming children, families, and communities – leading to broken values, mental health struggles, and destructive behaviors.

Together We Pray for EUROPEAN BAPTIST WOMEN UNITED

- Pray for God to strengthen women in leadership roles, helping them to overcome any obstacles or opposition they may encounter and to lead with boldness and courage – fully aware that God is with them.
- Pray for women seeking fellowship and encouragement and for those wounded by past hurts. May they find a safe space where they feel welcomed and loved through the ministry of EBWU. May God grant the women of EBWU wisdom and grace to uplift and support one another in the discipleship journey.
- Pray that ministers will rise up in our churches to effectively serve those who have suffered, been injured, or experienced loss. Pray for a touch from the Lord for these wounded hearts that guides them to healing and freedom.
- Pray for those in the younger generation who were raised in Christian homes but have departed from our churches. May they return to Christ and dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to him.
- Pray for the nations across Europe and the Middle East that are experiencing the daily impact of war and violence. Pray for sustainable peace to come to pass.

Together We Pray for BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE WOMEN

- Pray that God would give courage and discernment to our delegation participating in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March 2026. Ask God to guide our advocacy for justice, equity, and dignity and to open doors for meaningful influence on global policies that protect and empower women and families.

- Pray that God will use our global Stand Against Domestic Violence (StandAgainstDV.net) initiative to bring education, healing, and lasting transformation – moving us closer to the eradication of this injustice in our lifetime.
- Pray for the women who are participating in BWAW leadership development initiatives and global action councils – including the more than 700 leaders who attended the Baptist Women's Summit in July. Ask God to equip them with skills, vision, and resilience to lead effectively in their churches, communities, and nations.
- Pray for wisdom, grace, and the Spirit's anointing upon Executive Director Merritt Johnston and the globally diverse team of volunteers serving women worldwide. Lift up newly installed 2025-2027 BWA Women Officers – President Karlene Edwards-Warrick and First Vice President Ruba Rihani Abbassi – as well as the seven Continental Union Presidents: Vernetta Myint Myint San (ABWU), Patty Lane (BWNA), Tracy Valentine (BWP), Jane Mwangi (BWUA), Karlene Edwards-Warrick (CBWU), Siham Daoud (EBWU), and Verónica Leon Caro (UFBAL).

GLOBAL MINISTRY PROJECTS

STRENGTHENING Worship, Fellowship, and Unity

GLOBAL: Through the annual Day of Prayer and other global and continental events, we unite women in worship, fellowship, and shared mission – a global sisterhood daily seeking to impact our homes, churches, communities, and the world for Christ.

LAOS: *Networking Baptist Women Nationwide*

> Facilitating a gathering for women from across the country to gather, pray, and learn how to Live the Good News in their context.

USA: *Sustaining a Community Hub of Hope*

> Supporting operations at a facility that hosts eight ethnic congregations and 12 nonprofits collectively serving 40,000+ people.

LEADING Mission and Evangelism

CHILE: *Nurturing Little Disciples (Pequeños discípulos)*

> Sharing holistic Gospel witness with children and families in vulnerable communities impacted by drug and alcohol addiction.

CUBA: *Reaching Children with the Good News*

> Providing resources and training to support summer Bible School programs that nurture faith and learning for children in mountain communities.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: *Advancing the Eli Project*

> Offering intentional mentorship, guidance, and spiritual support to young boys as they navigate critical stages of growth and development.

RESPONDING through Aid, Relief, and Community Development

CAMBODIA: *Cultivating a Brighter Future*

> Empowering women in rural communities through training in organic farming and livestock practices.

LIBERIA: *Providing Compassionate Care for Girls*

> Establishing a “Purple Room” at Ricks Institute – a safe, clean, and dignified space where 250 girls can access feminine hygiene products and essential care during their menstrual cycle.

LEBANON: *Raising Up Women as Restorers of Peace*

> Training women how to help children traumatized by war and violence find hope and healing.

MEXICO: *Breaking Free from Generational Cycles*

> Providing support for children with parents in prison, guiding them toward academic success and social thriving.

DEFENDING Religious Freedom, Human Rights, and Justice

GLOBAL: *Standing Against Domestic Violence*

> Sourcing, creating, and distributing resources to help individuals, congregations, and communities to stand against domestic violence and bring about the change required for women, children, and families to thrive.

ADVANCING Theological Reflection and Transformational Leadership

POLAND: *Empowering Women for Thriving Ministry*

> Fostering spiritual growth, leadership skills, and mentorship opportunities to strengthen women's ministry in the local church and prepare the next generation of leaders.

GLOBAL: *Raising Up the Next Generation*

> Facilitating an annual leadership development cohort for young women with representatives from each Continental Union.

These global projects are fueled by your generous support of the 2025 World Day of Prayer Offering. To learn more about these projects, visit BWAWomen.org/dayofprayer. Thank you for making this life-changing, kingdom-impacting ministry possible!