

ARISE SHINE ... *through Prayer*



2017
Day of Prayer
Prayer Requests

North America

Pray for an enduring spirit of commitment and generosity as Baptist women work daily to welcome and help re-settle the many refugees who arrive in North America.

Pray for the hundreds of murdered or missing indigenous women and their families throughout North America whose police cases have yet to be solved.

Pray for acts of unity and cooperation among North American Baptist women that seek to encourage one another and build up His kingdom.

Pray for protection of young girls from human traffickers.



Pray that both older and younger Baptist women may open their ears to hear from one another and that all will respond with hearts of compassion.

Pray that Baptist women will take seriously their responsibility to care for the environment and set an example of good stewardship towards God's creation.

Europe

The whole of Europe has very challenging years ahead. Looking at the map you may colour it with different colors for the prayers. Our very 'red' region is the Middle-East: Syria and the countries surrounding it live through a painful, sad, dark, and alarming times. Let us lift up our voices to the Lord for this region, asking for mercy, peace, and good leaders who will be able to stop the barbarity and useless killings. May the Lord step in to stop the senseless destruction, devastation, and

death.

The colour 'black' represents the feeling of loss which many experienced. Let us pray to the Lord to comfort the wounded men, women and children, especially widows and orphans, in the lands devastated by war and conflict as they cope with injuries, pain and shock. May the Lord strengthen and comfort Christians who are under pressure from the devil and ready to be martyrs for the Lord. Let their blood and sacrifice be seeds for the kingdom of God.

The old continent – the big and strong countries – are ‘purple’ because of fear. Bewilderment, confusion and misunderstanding are spread all around in the continent. There is a desire to help the refugees, to find the solution for the migrants’ situation, to fight the challenge of xenophobia, and overcome the fear of terrorism. Pray for the Christians to find the right way of offering a helping hand to the people in need. Give thanks to the Lord for those who are in charge already, and doing their best for the glory of God.

There are other regions of Europe and we may think of these as the colour ‘orange’ with strife and nationalism and struggle between brother nations and even within one nation. Let us pray for reconciliation, so the communities are not destroyed, but instead reach out to each other. To make the strong weak is a weapon in the hand of the devil. Let us pray for Christian Europe to be enlightened through committed Christians so that the Lord kingdom be recognizable already here, on this Earth.

Pray also for the people who we connect with the colour of ‘green’ – which represents a false peace. In many lives we see indifference, carelessness, selfishness, and abandonment of the values which were the strength of Christian

nations. Let us pray for the Lord to bless Europe with the revival of these Christian values so that churches are strengthened, and congregations encouraged.

Let us see ‘yellow’ as a shining colour, which strengthens women in Europe to be active, smart with answers for the challenges of their daily life. We see much darkness, but God sent His Son to bring hope and life to this Earth as is in Heaven. Jesus Christ conquered the darkness and we should have no fear of death. Pray for each of us to be strong to share the message of love, to share the faith and the hope in the darkness.



Africa

Thank God for the outgoing Executive Committee of the Baptist Women's Union of Africa and pray for the new incoming Committee so they would have wisdom from God in their new roles.

Pray for African political leaders who pass laws, policies, and practices, so they would pass the much needed regulations to reduce high rates of corruption currently dominating the entire continent.

Pray for the All Africa Baptist Fellowship (AABF) Executive Committee and the General Secretary as they exercise their leadership roles.

Pray for the need for African business people to create industries that will generate jobs African workers need.

Pray for God's intervention on harsh economic conditions currently affecting most African countries

Pray for Baptist outreach in North Africa currently dominated by the Islamic religion.



The Caribbean

Pray that young people will find meaningful employment and be more committed to the Lord.

Pray that more women may experience a greater sense of calling and commitment to the Lord as they allow Him to shine through them.

Pray that more women, especially those from the younger generations,

will commit to leadership at local and national levels.

Pray for women who suffer sexual abuse as well as those in situations of domestic violence: May they find the strength to stand up to abusers and leave protecting their lives and their children.

Pray for the various Governments of the Caribbean region so that they would

work in unity for the development of their peoples.

Pray for Christian women of the Caribbean to arise and shine and let the glory of the Lord shine through them to others, thus expanding the Kingdom of God.



Asia

Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Asia.

Pray for the unity of believers in Indonesia to make a stronger Christian witness in the government and in the society.

Pray for the believers in Sri Lanka that they can live in peace with other religions.

Pray that the Nepal Baptist Church Council will be able to build their own building.

Pray for the preparations for the 13th Assembly of the Asian Baptist Women's Union. Pray for the delegates' financial sufficiency to attend and participate in the programs of the Assembly, including the election of officers from 2018-2023.

Pray for the growth of believers and churches in Bhutan. Pray for their safety.



South-West pacific

Pray for people caught up in political turmoil, domestic violence, abuse of women and children in West Papua and Papua New Guinea.

Pray for unity and love among the church leaders in the Papuan Baptist churches which is affecting the Baptist women in their leadership and unity. Pray especially for the women leaders who should understand and speak up for the concerns of the women they represent.

Pray for the Australian Baptist Women as they motivate women of the younger generation to participate and be trained for leadership roles, in particular such that help women in domestic violence contexts and will be involved in visits to remote areas to encourage the women in the Outback communities.

Pray for the women of Fiji who are dealing with the aftermath of the recent cyclone Winston (the 2nd strongest cyclone on record), as they carry the burden of extra responsibility for the caring for the family and as they search for food, water, shelter and financial means.



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

Pray for the financial needs of those women's groups visiting women in remote rural areas who are unable to visit meetings or conferences in the cities.



Latin America

Pray for the women of the younger generation in our churches that as the Women's Union, we can attend to their integral growth (personal, emotional and spiritual). Pray that mature leaders of our Women's Unions will invest in young women, imparting tools for their development as servants of the Lord.

Pray that the Gospel can continue to spread in our countries and, at the same time, strengthen the Women's Union in each Baptist Church.

Pray for the life and ministry of our pastors and leaders in each of the countries that make up Latin American Women's Baptist Union (UFBAL).

Pray for God's provision of the necessary resources so that the missionary work of Spanish speaking women in each country of Latin America, and also in Texas, New York and New Jersey can flourish.



Pray for the children and youth in the congregations of Latin America. Pray also that Baptist women are prepared to serve them in their emotional, physical and spiritual needs.

Pray for the necessary resources to assist the development and execution of the projects that UFBAL will support in the next 5 years.

Pray for the new leadership of UFBAL. May the Lord give us the strategies, resources, ideas, and strength which this ministry requires.

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Baptist World Alliance Women's Department and the BWA

Please pray for the leadership of the BWA Women's Department: Ksenija Magda, President, Kathy James, Secretary Treasurer, and the Continental Presidents. In particular pray for the operational challenges that the Women's Department is facing at the moment.

Pray for the Interim Executive Director, Moreen Sharp, as she takes on the work in the Falls Church Women's Department office. May the Lord provide for all her needs and give her the wisdom and strength for the work. Also pray as we start the search process for new executive leaders.

Pray for the Women's Department Global Leadership Conference planned for Rio de Janeiro in 2020, as preparations begin and decisions must be made. In particular, pray that we can meet the goal of bringing together 2000 Baptist Women. Please also pray for the success of the BWA Celebration 2020 which will follow after our conference. Do you hear God calling you to participate in both?

Pray for the President of the BWA, Paul Msiza, and the General Secretary, Neville Callam, and for the entire BWA as they prepare to appoint a new General Secretary.



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