



2022
BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD
DAY of PRAYER
VICTORIOUS LIFE

40-DAY PRAYER GUIDE

ASIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION

- 1 COVID-19 Pandemic**
Although the pandemic has stabilized in some parts of the world, new strains and variants are appearing in southeast Asia with alarming numbers of people getting infected. Pray for protection, strong immunity, and speedy recovery for all.
- 2 Myanmar**
The year-long civil war in Myanmar has displaced millions of people. Thousands have been killed or maimed. Pray for peace, reconciliation, and justice efforts to bring about healing and restoration for the nation and its people.
- 3 Sri Lanka**
The people of Sri Lanka are suffering due to political and economic turmoil. Pray for stabilization and recovery as the country goes through the worst crisis in its history.
- 4 Natural Disasters Due to Climate Change**
Many countries in Asia face yearly typhoons, flooding, and earthquakes. Pray for protection and support for rebuilding from these devastating disasters.
- 5 Women Helping Women**
The Women Helping Women Ministry reaches out to marginalized and vulnerable women and children for humanitarian relief and aid and restoration of life and livelihood. Pray for continued growth and support for this crisis-response initiative impacting lives across Asia.

BAPTIST WOMEN OF NORTH AMERICA

- 6 Economic Challenges**
Women, especially single mothers, are facing increased economic challenges and are struggling to cover basic needs such as food, shelter, and transportation. Many are falling through the cracks. Pray for improved economic opportunities for women to help them cope with these challenges.
- 7 Gender-Based Violence**
The COVID-19 pandemic has intensified gender-based violence against women and girls. We thank God for the increased awareness of this problem and pray for the protection of women and girls as well as interventions to address the social norms that condone violence against women.

8 **Mental Health**

There are many challenges that are negatively impacting women's mental health at an alarming rate. Pray for improved mental health for women and for accessible, effective, convenient, and affordable mental health support.

9 **Women's Health**

As we consider the reversal of Roe vs. Wade in the United States, we pause to recognize there are many girls and women who have limited access to quality medical care, pregnancy support, educational resources, and legal justice. Pray for increased penalties for rape and incest, greater advocacy for women's reproductive health including practical steps to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates, and broader engagement from the faith community to respond to those in need.

10 **Racial Justice**

Both the United States and Canada have long histories of systemic racism, even among Christians. Sadly, racial injustice continues to exist across North America. Please pray for the strength and courage to fight against all forms of racism, bigotry, xenophobia, and inequity and for the Church to be a change agent in communities across the region.

BAPTIST WOMEN OF THE PACIFIC

11 **Domestic Violence**

UN Women estimates up to 68% of women in parts of the Pacific experience domestic and family violence. Please pray for the safety and security of victims. Pray for perpetrators to come to repentance. Pray the legal system will effectively enforce domestic violence laws. Pray the local church would rise up as a voice against domestic violence.

12 **Climate Change**

Pacific islands are extremely vulnerable to climate change. The impact of climate change includes loss of coastal land, cyclones and droughts, failure of crops, and the loss of coral reefs and fish. Please pray we would care well for the earth God gave us. Pray that political leaders would make brave changes to help heal the planet. Pray for those in the Pacific whose lives are impacted by this sad change.

13 **Reconciliation**

Please pray for the reconciliation of indigenous people in Australia and New Zealand. These indigenous people suffer generational trauma and long-standing indignities. They are much more likely to suffer acute health problems, be victims of violence, and be imprisoned. Pray the Church would take the lead in this reconciliation.

14 **Security**

Pray for regional security in the Pacific. There is a worrying tension between Australia and China. There is concern over a military presence in the region affecting trade and national security.

15 **Peace**

Pray for ethical political leadership in the Pacific that rejects corruption and misconduct. Pray for political freedom of expression without violence. Pray leaders would choose righteousness over power and tribalism. Horrific violence and bloodshed marked the elections in Papua New Guinea this year. Pray for a more peaceful governance in the future.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION OF AFRICA

- 16** ***Educational Equity***
The rate of illiteracy among young girls in Africa is high. Pray against gender-based discrimination in schools so that girls will have equal access to educational and vocational opportunities.
- 17** ***Gender-Based Violence***
Pray against genital mutilation and other acts of violence that affect young girls' health. Pray against child marriages, incest, and rape. Pray for resources to support victims as they face the physical, emotional, and mental impacts of violence-based trauma.
- 18** ***Peace***
Many areas across the region continue to face political and economic unrest. Pray for a peaceful electoral process as many countries across Africa host elections. Pray for political stability so that countries experience economic growth and sustainability. Pray for righteous leaders in government to stand up against corruption. Pray against terrorism and armed groups that threaten peace.
- 19** ***Mission and Evangelism***
Pray for women to have a passionate commitment to mission and evangelism. Pray for opportunities to reach out to the lost and bring back those who have lost their focus on God.
- 20** ***Continental Union Leadership***
Pray that the gift of giving shall be the portion of women so that they uplift the work of the Kingdom across Africa. We also pray specifically for the Lord's grace, wisdom, and protection for the new continental union leaders as they begin their five-year terms of service.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION OF LATIN AMERICA

- 21** ***Challenges***
Many are suffering across the continent due to societal challenges such as political and economic corruption, human trafficking, and poverty. Pray for our women as they seek to be voices in the public square and advocate for those in need.
- 22** ***Missionary Call***
We have gathered the necessary resources to support a Latin American missionary to work with women in India. Pray that God will raise up a woman to answer this call and grant our leaders discernment in the selection process.
- 23** ***Crisis Pregnancy Ministry***
Our communication center in Argentina fields hundreds of calls from women facing unexpected pregnancies and connects them with local support resources. Pray for the resources to establish similar centers in every Latin American country.
- 24** ***Indigenous Communities***
Pray for opportunities to build relationships and share the hope of the Gospel with indigenous women and children.

25 ***Continental Union Leadership***
Pray for the selection of continental union leadership for the next quinquennium and for the Lord's wisdom and provision as they develop their strategic goals.

CARIBBEAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION

26 ***Breaking the Cycle of Violence***
Domestic violence against women and children is rising. Pray for women who are victims of psychological, verbal, physical, and sexual abuse. Pray for strong marriages where love and respect will be developed and sustained between husbands and wives.

27 ***Revival***
Pray that God will send a great revival among the youth of our islands – that they will be saved and live a victorious life in Jesus. Pray that the peace of God remains anchored in us in order to persevere in the faith and the Word of God even in times of storms.

28 ***Emerging Leaders & Pastors***
Pray that men and women will accept the call of God upon their lives and offer themselves to be trained as pastors and leaders for kingdom service. Pray that pastors and church leaders will be able to navigate the challenges brought on by COVID-19. Pray for a spiritual renewal of the church post-COVID.

29 ***Countries Devastated by Natural Disasters (Haiti/San Andres/St. Vincent)***
The economies of Haiti, San Andres, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines were devastated by natural disasters. Pray for the recovery of health, social, and political systems in these countries. Children's education is also affected with many still unable to access internet service. Pray also for peace and stability in Haiti so the country can return to normalcy.

30 ***COVID-19 Pandemic***
Pray for the many people who are still suffering from COVID-related diseases. Lift up those battling lung and heart conditions as well as depression and other mental health challenges brought on by the impact of COVID-19.

EUROPEAN BAPTIST WOMEN UNITED

31 ***The Impact of Political Instability and War***
People are suffering from political instability in countries like Belarus and Lebanon, the devastation of war in Ukraine, and long-term consequences of wars in Iraq, Syria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Russia. The number of displaced people and refugees is increasing with more than 12 million displaced from Ukraine alone. Families are broken. Human trafficking is increasing. People are mourning. Please pray for peace, restoration, and resilience and for opportunities to rise up as people of faith to meet the many needs around us.

32 ***Church Engagement***
Because of the pandemic, many Christians transitioned to virtual church services or disconnected completely. Although health conditions have improved, many have not re-engaged with church, especially in Western and Central Europe. Please pray they will reconnect with their congregations and experience the joy of fellowship.

33 *Climate Change*

EBWU countries are seeing the effects of climate change. Temperatures are rising, the number of floods is increasing, and coastlines are receding. Pray that Christians will respond as good stewards of creation and take steps to positively impact our planet.

34 *Domestic Violence*

Domestic violence continues to increase across our region – both outside and inside churches. Pray for a deep change in mindsets and laws, for all those who are leading initiatives to help endangered women and children, and for peace and healing for domestic violence victims.

35 *Central Asia*

Our brothers and sisters in Central Asia have a special place in our hearts, but they face many challenges. Pray for greater religious freedom in the region and the opportunity to build a bridge of support between them and other EBWU countries.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE WOMEN

36 *Responding to the Refugee Crisis*

Statistics estimate that 40% of the world's refugees are children. Pray for resources to help respond to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of these precious children.

37 *Standing Against Domestic Violence*

An estimated one third of women worldwide have experienced violence by an intimate partner. This is a global issue that requires a global response. BWA Women has launched an online resource hub at StandAgainstDV.net, bringing together quality resources to support individuals, congregations, and communities in their stand against domestic violence. Pray for God to utilize this tool to educate, equip, and bring us closer to the eradication of this evil.

38 *UN Commission on the Status of Women*

Pray for the women who will gather for this annual United Nations event in March 2023 to learn, network, and develop actionable steps to further resource our global community.

39 *Global Conference of Baptist Women*

We have already begun planning for this quinquennial event slated for July 2025 in Brisbane, Australia. Pray for the Spirit to give wisdom to our leaders as we plan and to anoint this special time together as a springboard for renewal and revival for women worldwide.

40 *Leadership*

Pray for grace, wisdom, and endurance for our leadership – including BWA Women President Karen Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer Sherrie Cherdak, Executive Director Merritt Johnston, and each of our seven Continental Union Presidents. Pray for a Titus 2 movement among us so that every generation is united to connect, disciple, and commission leaders in churches, communities, and across continents. Pray for the launch of the BWA Women Leaders Network spearheaded by our President with a vision to see women standing shoulder to shoulder to lead and influence change across the globe.

For additional Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer resources, visit BWAWomen.org/dayofprayer.