



IWD Prayers

Introduction

Payer is a vital part of any International Women's Day observance. It is an ideal opportunity to raise awareness of the global issues women face and begin to *do* something about them through intercessory praying.

Suggested Prayer 1

Gracious God,

We gather on this day as a community of believers to offer to you our worship, praise, and adoration. May our offerings during this hour be pleasing to you.

On this day, Father,
We pray for the woman who stands behind the counter, selling the fruits of her labor
And for the woman who stands in front of the counter counting coins.

We pray for the women who bind up wounds
And for those whose wounds are not visible.

We lift to you the woman who nurses her child at her breast
And for the woman with empty arms.

We pray for the woman who goes to draw a bucket of water
And for the woman who walks to a well that is dry.

We pray for the daughters who gather firewood
And for the daughter who is lucky enough to walk to school, with bare feet

We pray for daughters with a roof over their head of any kind
And for the daughters who is sold to a different man and stays under a different roof each day

May your Son shine on all of these
And of all the women in your world.

For those who can speak up and out
Let us speak

For those who can give
Let us give generously

For those who can go
Let us go

Rain down change, Father. Change minds, change hearts, and bring change to women in need.

Suggested Prayer 2

We have gathered on this day as a community of believers who offered our worship, praise, and adoration to you.

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