



Suggestions for Observing IWD

- Volunteer to speak or arrange for an appropriate speaker at local women's clubs or civic organizations about the global issues facing women.
- Duplicate the Prayer Guide or request additional copies from the Global Women office and distribute them to church members, friends, neighbors, or coworkers as you encourage them to join you in praying for the needs of women.
- Make a donation to Global Women to honor a woman who has made a difference in your life.
- Utilize your International Women's Day observance as a launch for a Global Women Group.
- Receive an offering for Global Women.
- Secure international dresses (often available at thrift stores) and hold an international fashion show.
- Set up a prayer experience focused on the global issues affecting women. Suggestions are available with the complete IWD resources.
- Assemble Friendship Bags to be shared with our ministry partners worldwide and the women they work with. In a drawstring gift bag place the following (travel-size) items: hand lotion, lip balm, fingernail clippers, emery board, book marker, ink pen, decorative mini-journal, and hard candy. Ship to the GW office.
- Log on to www.povertyusa.org and "Tour Poverty USA."
- Involve the youth of the church or an intergenerational group in one of the simulations in Youth Resources.
- Collect women's multi-vitamins that are needed with all our ministry projects. Open all bottles and place 31 tablets in a small plastic zip-lock bag. Mark the bag children or women. Bags should be packed in a 1.5 cubic inch box (available from Home Depot or Lowe's for about 67¢. These boxes may be shipped to the GW office.
- Organize a day of prayer event such as a breakfast, luncheon, afternoon tea, or international dinner. Invite women from near-by churches, your neighbors, and international women in your community.
- Volunteer at a local women's shelter or other program that empowers women.

- Lead a special prayer focus during Wednesday evening activities at your church.
- Read *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*. Consider organizing a short-term book study. A free study guide is available on the GW Web site.
- Assemble items and pack birthing kits that are proven to reduce maternal and infant mortality. *Pack all items in a one gallon zipper-lock plastic bag.* 1 Polythene sheet – this can be a plastic drop cloth found in painting departments, 3 pairs of medical gloves (medium) – place the gloves in a separate small zipper plastic bag, 2 disposable scalpels, 1 small roll of thin medical tape, 1 small bottle of Betadine – put the Betadine in a separate zipper plastic bag, 1 bar of anti-bacterial soap, 8 maternity pads or 10 ordinary pads, 20 sterile 4 x 4 inch gauze pads. Contact medmission@gmail.com for shipping instructions. To help defray shipping, please include a love offering to Medmission.
- Arrange a prayer-focused time for coworkers in your office over lunch on March 8th.
- Watch and discuss Maria’ story (<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-907523532488716086>).
- Invite a woman to speak at your observance who has experienced life in another culture.
- Arrange a special breakfast/prayer time for teenaged girls before or during Sunday School.
- Use photos to create a special wall or bulletin board in your church.
- Log on to Human Rights Watch Web site (www.hrw.org) and make a list of issues affecting women as you investigate what they have posted.
- Begin reading *Three Cups of Tea*. Consider organizing a short-term book study.
- Invite your neighbors to your home to pray. Consider sharing the monologues in the 2010 resources with them too.
- Investigate local ministries to women and invite their staff to share program needs during your prayer time.
- Organize a women’s choir or ensemble for music during Sunday worship.
- Watch International Justice Mission’s (IJM)’s new 31-minute film *At the End of Slavery: The Battle for Justice in our Time*. A house party kit is available from www.attheEndofSlavery.com.
- Invite Godly women who are “heroes of the faith” to give testimony of how they are following God’s call in their lives; this could be on one Sunday, Wednesday night, or during your March 8th event.
- Log onto www.prayforburma.org and discover all the ways you can be in prayer for the women of this tortured country.
- Plan an evening banquet during the week of March 8th to honor the women in your church.
- Watch the movie *Amazing Grace* with family and friends and discuss and pray for women trapped in modern-day slavery.
- Investigate how you can take action to help refugees at ww.refugees.org.



International Women's Day

- Seek out an international neighbor or co-worker from one of the countries that celebrate International Women's Day and take her a gift of candy or flowers or take her out for a meal.
- Investigate http://www.stophumantrafficking.com/combat_trafficking.html to discover what you and those you know can do to stop human trafficking.
- Write a letter of appreciation to a Godly woman who has influenced your life.
- Volunteer to take part in a GW ministry team. If you cannot go, donate Frequent Flyer miles to help someone else go.
- Organize a group to participate in the Global Voices Summit, October 13-15, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Huntsville, Alabama.
- Become an advocate for global issues affecting women!
- Conduct a large-group Sunday morning study for the women of your church. Use the *2010 Prayer Guide* as a way to share information about the Millennium Development Goals and how they affect women.
- Distribute copies of "One Woman's Story" and/or the monologues with these resources so that others may know some of the issues women are dealing with daily.
- See the GW Web site for additional resources which are excellent for investigating the global issues affecting women.