



World Day of Prayer

Friday 4 March 2022

“I Know the Plans I have for you”

*A Service prepared by WDP England,
Wales and Northern Ireland*

*You are invited to join in
worship and fellowship
at your local church*

Place: _____

Time: _____

“I Know the Plans I Have for You” England, Wales and Northern Ireland – 2022

World Day of Prayer – Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action

- + Is a **world-wide movement, led by Christian women** of many traditions.
- + It is celebrated in services on the **first Friday in March** each year in over **170 countries throughout the world**.
- + Each year the service is written by the women of a different country and is sent around the world by the World Day of Prayer International Committee, based in New York. Committees in each country then prepare it for use in their own countries.
- + It has been officially celebrated in New Zealand since 1931.

BACKGROUND

- 1887 Presbyterian women of USA begin an annual day of prayer for home mission.
- 1900s Many denominations have annual days of prayer for different aspects of mission.
- 1920s Various days of prayer become one World Day of Prayer in 1927. Observance on first Friday in Lent becomes fixed as first Friday in March.
- 1930s Different countries begin to write the annual services. New Zealand has written it twice - in 1938 and 1973.
- 1987 Centennial Celebrations held in many countries.
- 2021 World Day of Prayer Service written by women of Vanuatu.
- 2022 World Day of Prayer Service written by women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland.
- 2023 World Day of Prayer Service written by women of Taiwan.

YOUR 2022 OFFERINGS WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THESE PROJECTS:

Christian World Service funded project run by the Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation based in Chennai (India) but working in the wider district giving training in running an organization, managing budgets, advocacy and standing for election.

To a **Bible Society** Project Empowering Widows and Suffering Women of India working through its 17 auxiliaries and partnering with church and Christian organisations.

The **Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy** in New Zealand.