

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER International Committee

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To National/Regional Committees:

Dear WDP sisters and friends,

### **“I Know the Plans I Have for You” Prepared by WDP England, Wales and Northern Ireland March 4, 2022**

In the midst of all the uncertainties we are living under this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the WDP 2022 theme emerges like a balm of confidence. It is an invitation to place our trust in God in times of suffering.

The program is based on the letter that the prophet Jeremiah wrote to the exiles in Babylonia (Jeremiah 29:1-14). The exiles were in a context of suffering, uncertainty, and opposing views on how to respond to the moment. Today, we come together to hear the stories of women who feel excluded, listen to the fear of a child refugee and learn to see the context of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI).

For Jeremiah, God’s plan was clear, and we share this assurance by singing it. What is your WDP hope? Let the children and the youth guide your response. Then, come to celebrate hope by lighting a candle on behalf of the seven regions of the world, knowing that our prayerful action can bring to life the promises of God who, like a Mother and Father, cares for us all.

We are given a seed of hope to ponder where it needs to be planted in our lives and in our communities. Take this opportunity, to raise awareness on the needs of your community and offer the gifts of prayers and commitment. A seed, nourished by prayers of intercession and actions of love, bind us together around the world.

We want to thank all the women and young women who came together as World Day of Prayer to develop the worship service and educational materials. We appreciate the EWNI Committee’s effort to reach out to form a collaborative and diverse group. If your WDP Committee wants information about projects and initiatives recommended by EWNI WDP Committee, please contact us.

May God, who plans no harm, sustain the world in love and hope.

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