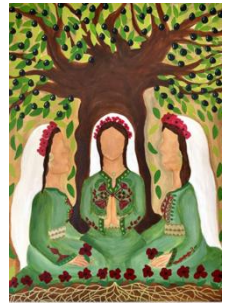




WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 1st MARCH 2024

“I Beg You ... Bear With One Another in Love”

Service from Palestine



Greetings from the National Liaison Officer, and Notes for the Worship Leaders

Dear Friends

To all who again, or for the first time, are doing your best to produce a meaningful and helpful worship service for World Day of Prayer – thank you! If you have received the pack but are not going to be involved in leading the service please send it on to someone who is. Also, please try to contact every church in your area so we can make this a really ecumenical service. Although the service is written by women, with women’s stories, men are always welcome.

You will have noticed that the resource pack is smaller this year. This change has come about due to the increasing costs of printing and postage.

In August the National Committee wrote to the groups on our database explaining that the packs this year will only have – 10 service booklets – 5 x A5 details posters and 5 x A4 posters. The yellow reporting form and remittance information form are included together with information on projects being supported. All resources are available on the website www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz These can be downloaded as required and most churches will have the ability to have services on a screen, or photocopy service sheets.

Looking to 2024 – Remember to check the website (www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz) for information

Music: There is no music CD. All music can be downloaded from our website

www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz. The music chosen by the National Committee may be more familiar for New Zealand congregations. If you wish to use hymns that your group knows, feel free to do so.

(**NB.** If the church at which you are holding the Service has a CCLI Licence, it is your responsibility to list the music reproduced for the service on Friday 1st March. In this way we will avoid infringing copyright laws and restrictions.)

Find out if there is a local Training Day / WDP Workshop, or if not, you may wish to run one yourself! These times of fellowship and learning are invaluable. The National Liaison Officer will travel anywhere to assist, if at all possible, if she is invited.

However, the National Committee is holding a workshop in Christchurch on Saturday 27th January 2024, commencing at 10 am – Venue: Chapel Street Centre, Christchurch North Methodist Parish, Cnr Harewood Road and Chapel Street – which will be livestreamed. The link will be available on our website – or email – worlddayofprayer@methodist.org.nz for details.

The Children’s Service, including an attractive poster, and activities are available on the World Day of Prayer website. You may like to take a copy of this to your local Sunday School or Primary School.

Reminder: Please fill in and return the **yellow report and remittance forms** which are enclosed in the pack sent to your group, as soon as possible after the service, with as much feedback as possible. We would be especially interested in any ideas that work to encourage people to attend. **Also any photographs would be appreciated.**

✞ Please pray for those leading the service, for the congregation and your community, as well as for the people of the writer countries.

God Bless you all

Zella McGirr

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