



World Day of Prayer

Friday 7 March 2025

“I Made You Wonderfully”

*A service prepared by the WDP
Committee of Cook Islands*

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

Place: _____

Time: _____

“I Made You Wonderfully” Cook Islands – 2025

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.
- 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.
- 2024 World Day of Prayer Service written by women of Palestine.
- 2025 World Day of Prayer Service written by women of Cook Islands
- 2026 World Day of Prayer Service written by women of Nigeria
- 2027 United in Prayer for Peace & Justice – WDP International Committee

YOUR 2025 OFFERINGS WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THESE PROJECTS:

Christian World Service – Tongan Community Development Fund, and its work with the Amatakiloa women’s groups in Tongan Village communities.

The Bible Society – Bible Society of the South Pacific – Healing the wounds of trauma in the South Pacific.

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