



World Day of Prayer – 6 March 2026

Service from Nigeria: “I Will Give You Rest, Come”

Matthew 11:28-30



Greetings from the National Liaison Officer and Notes for Worship Leaders

Dear Friends

Preparations are in progress for the 2026 World Day of Prayer service, to be held on Friday 6 March 2026. If you have received the resource pack but are not planning to help lead the service, please pass it on to someone who will be involved. We encourage everyone to reach out to every church in your community so that this can become a truly ecumenical event. Posters and flyers are available for publicity and can be displayed in libraries and on notice boards in your area.

The 2025 service was appreciated by many loyal groups, especially as it focused on Cook Islands. The 2026 service will centre on Nigeria, providing a great opportunity to pray for and learn about this African country.

You will be aware that the committee reduced both the total number of service booklets printed and the number of booklets and posters distributed to each group, to reduce administration expenses. All resources, including the service itself, are available and can be downloaded from the website. We may have a very small number of copies of the service booklet available. Any requests for these should be directed to this email address – worlddayofprayer@methodist.org.nz However, please remember that all material is able to be downloaded from the website (www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz)

Looking Ahead to 2026:

Please remember to regularly check the website for the latest information and resources. Music for the service is available on the website. The National Committee has recommended some familiar options, though groups are welcome to choose other hymns that suit their community.

Workshop:

The National Committee is holding a workshop in Christchurch on Saturday January 24 2026, commencing at 10am – Venue: Chapel Street Centre Christchurch North Methodist Parish Cnr Harewood Road and Chapel Street – this will be live streamed. The link will be available on our website – or email worlddayofprayer@methodist.org.nz You may like to find out if there is a local Training Day/WDP Workshop in your area, or if not, you may wish to run one yourself! These times of fellowship and learning are invaluable.

Children's Programme:

A special Children's programme is available on the World Day of Prayer website. We encourage you to share this with your local schools and Sunday Schools.

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.**

Prayer Requests:

We ask that you pray for those leading the service, the congregation, your community, and for the people of the writer country.

God bless you all

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