



World Day of Prayer – 5 March 2027

"United in Prayer for Justice and Peace!"

Mary's Song (Luke 1:39–55)

Hannah's Song (1 Samuel 2:1–10)

Service from the International Committee



Greetings from the National Liaison Officer and Notes for Worship Leaders

Dear Friends

Preparations are in progress for the 2027 World Day of Prayer service, to be held on Friday 5th March 2027. 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.

The 2027 service was written by the WDP International Committee and is a celebration of the 100th anniversary of World Day of Prayer. The National Committee has printed 'Telling the Story', prepared by WDPIC. This is a history of WDP, and one copy is included in the pack to each Group.

Looking Ahead to 2027:

Please remember to regularly check the website for the latest information and resources. Music for the service is available on the website – www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz

Workshop:

The National Committee is holding a workshop in Christchurch on Saturday, 23 January 2027, commencing at 10 am, which will also be live streamed. Venue – Chapel Street Centre, Christchurch North Methodist Parish, Cnr Harewood Road and Chapel Street. Everyone is welcome to attend. The livestream link will be posted on our website, or you can request it by emailing - worlddayofprayer@methodist.org.nz

Children's Programme:

A special Children's programme is available on the World Day of Prayer website. We encourage you to share it with your local primary school or Sunday School.

Requesting Additional Resources:

Once again, the number of booklets and posters is limited. All resources including the service itself are available and can be downloaded from the website. A small number of additional service booklets may be available. If you require additional service booklets, please request them early. You may email us at wdpanz24@gmail.com Updated information is always available on the website www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz

After the service, please complete and return the **yellow Group Report form and Remittance form** as soon as possible. Your thoughts on what works to encourage attendance are especially valuable, and we would appreciate any photographs you can share. This also helps when reporting to the WDPIC.

We ask that you pray for those leading the service, the congregation, your community, and for the International Committee as they prepare to host the Centennial Celebration and International meeting in Accra, Ghana, June 21 to 27, 2027.

God bless you all

This is my final note as my term as NLO is ending. I thank everyone who has supported me and wish Sheila who is taking over best wishes and good luck.

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