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# Our prayer guide and your persistence will make a difference in the lives of women

*The Bible teaches us to pray without ceasing. This is made clear in Luke 18:1-8 (NIV) in the Parable of the Persistent Widow:*

By Rosette Graham

**T**hen Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find

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## WISE believes empowering women and girls improves lives around the world

*“Let’s be very clear: Strong men — men who are truly role models — don’t need to put down women to make themselves feel powerful. People who are truly strong lift others up. People who are truly powerful bring others together.”*

*—Former First Lady Michelle Obama*

By Angelita Clifton

**J**ust relationships between women and men, girls and boys are essential for living the abundant life God wills for all the people of God. Promoting gender justice keeps women’s rights at the heart of all we do. Focusing on gender equality amplifies women’s voices wherever injustice silences them.

Oppressive systems repress the lives of women and girls:

- Women make up the majority of the world’s poor.
- Women suffer most in times of war.
- Women are always underrepresented at the negotiation table.
- Women are often abused at home and mistreated in the workplace.

In many cultures, tradition trumps access to health care for women. In countries where boys are valued more than girls the result is female feticide and infanticide. In communities where women are viewed



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more as property than people, females endure genital mutilation, forced marriages and domestic violence.

I am convinced when women suffer the entire family suffers. Gender inequality affects men and boys when economic and political power is controlled by a select few. When conflict displaces entire communities, men and boys suffer. When living up to the traditional gender expectations are based solely on the ability to provide financially, life for men becomes difficult.

History conceals what the “Curb-Cut Effect” reveals: Programs designed to benefit vulnerable groups — such as the disabled, people of color, or women — often end up benefiting all of society. Gender justice fosters greater freedom promoting racial justice,

economic justice, reproductive justice and justice for migrants and the disabled, improving the quality of life for us all.

Around the world, women make contributions comparable to men

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# Know Your Worth

*Own your story,  
Walk in your truth,  
Behave as if you've already won . . .  
. . . because you already have.  
You've overcome so much.  
Let your light shine bright so others may find their way.  
With the Lord as your witness you take everything in stride  
and with great pride, because  
You are a woman of God; holy and pure.  
Make no mistake,  
You are a phenomenal woman with a heavy heart.  
But you keep your head up and eyes forward,  
Ready to take the next step into your future.  
So, lift your sisters.  
Fight for justice.  
Fight for your rights.  
Stand up for what you believe in.  
Your beauty and intelligence are radiant.  
Spread them throughout your community and . . .  
. . . watch them flourish.*

*Poem & Photo by Ariane*

*Ariane is a poet, spoken word artist and photographer living  
in Howard County, Maryland.*





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# Racial Justice



*“For in Christ Jesus, you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”*

—*Galatians 3:26-28*

**G**od of all creation who has created us in your image and your likeness, we thank you that in Christ Jesus there is no female or male, black or white, rich or poor, nor any hierarchical distinctions, for You have endowed each of us with equal worth. You have fearfully and wonderfully made us, and your workmanship is marvelous.

We rejoice in the gifts of unconditional love, equality and justice; and we ask for Your forgiveness for all the times that we have abused our power and excluded those who are not like us. Help us to see the face of God in every person we encounter so gender equality and equity might be embraced as a gift rather than a danger; a source of life and hope rather than oppression or fear; as something to be received from God, rather than experienced as a source of strife.

We pray . . .

- For those trafficked daily into slavery and who experience gender-based violence in epidemic proportions.
- For women disproportionately affected by climate change, and unjust legal trade and macroeconomic frameworks.
- For women who are profoundly discriminated against by unequal power relations embedded in socioeconomic and political

structures.

- For women and girls trapped in distorted traditions and doctrines, to the detriment of themselves and their families, communities and nations.
- For women and girls who have been systematically disadvantaged and oppressed across every sphere of life.

Spirit of the Living God who renews all, we invite the transformation that only You can bring. Lead us toward gender justice and equality so that we are willing to make space for others to fully participate in Your creation. Give us grace to live faithfully and act for equality, justice and peace. May women and girls worldwide be empowered to live a life of equity, equality and justice.

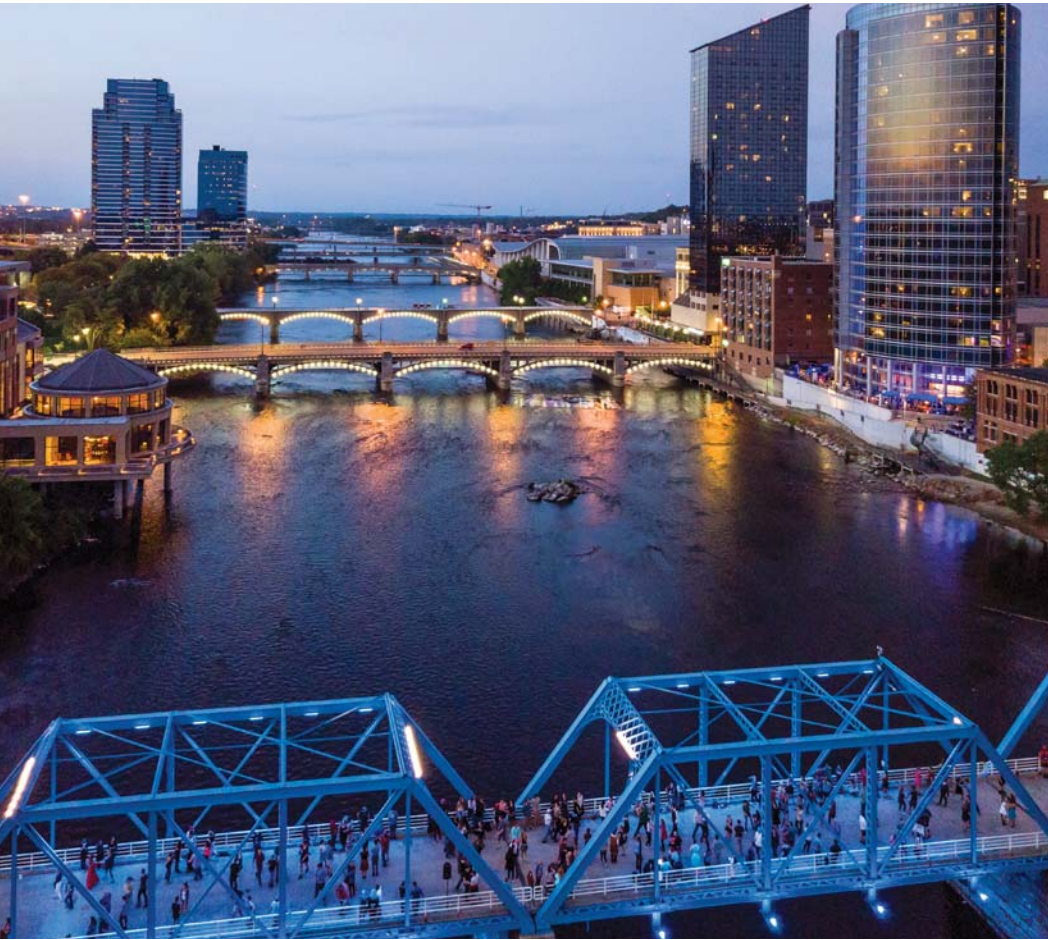
We pray in the name of the One who relates to women as individuals, disciples and leaders. His name is Jesus. Amen.

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**Day 2** *Australia: Psalm 24:1-10*



**E**ternal God,  
We come to You as humbly as we know how to say thank you. We thank you for the birth, life, crucifixion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We also praise You for Your Holy Spirit that provides comfort and advocacy in times of distress.

We pray for our sisters in Australia, asking for Your divine protection against sexual violence, child abuse and all forces seeking to cause harm. Lord, You told us in Isaiah 54:17 that no weapon formed against us shall prosper. We take comfort in knowing that the Word of our God will not return void but will accomplish its purpose.

We praise You in advance for the destruction of demoralizing stigmas placed on our women and young girls. Help our beautiful daughters remember what You said in 1 Peter 2:9 — that they are a “chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.”

We thank You, Lord, for being more powerful than the forces that seek to divide our families. We petition You today to send the

anointing to govern and manage the mental health of your daughters. While we praise You for the indwelling of your Holy Spirit because our earthen vessels weakened at times. We pray for closeness to Christ. We pray that You advance freedom, healing, equality, justice, prosperity and wholeness.

We know by Your Word that it gives You great pleasure to give us the Kingdom. So, we ask in the name of Jesus, that Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. In the matchless name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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**Day 3** *Bahamas: Psalm 140:12-13*



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**G**ood morning, our gracious Lord:  
We praise Your name in all the earth. We honor and adore You. Lord, we thank You for another opportunity to gather and pray. Lord, we thank You for our sisters in the Bahamas. We give You praise because these women did not allow their unfair circumstances to turn them away from You. They continue to take refuge in You because You are Lord. You're able to tear up constitutions, tear down discrimination, tear apart governments and tear out sexism.

O Lord, we thank you for their smiles when they feel like crying; for their wise words when they don't know what to say; for their press when they have been overwhelmed.

Lord, we thank you today for always being with them, fighting for them, and working in them and through them. Because of Your loving presence, we know that their justice is secured. Their opposition sees them as powerless and defenseless. Lord, we pray for the healing of their enemies in their innermost parts.

May our Bahamian sisters find peace in Your presence. You said in your Word that the battle is not ours, that it's Yours. So, fight on, King Jesus, so that no man can hinder them.

We know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the

cause of the needy. We pray in Your name that the righteous continue to praise Your name, continue to show up and live. We pray that every need be supplied, and every desire be fulfilled.

Lord, we thank you for the brand-new mercies. Thank you for Your renewed strength. Thank you for the new strategies. Thank you for extended boundaries. Thank you for the extended armies. Thank you for more breakthroughs. Thank you for always being with our sisters. Thank you for always fighting for them. Thank you for healing their enemies. Thank you for keeping them close to you. Thank you for keeping them strong. Thank you for making a way out of no way.

Lord, we say thank you today, for You and all your glorious ways. We will forever give You all the glory, all the honor and all the praise. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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Browns Mills, New Jersey*



## Day 4 Bangladesh: Psalm 139:13-16



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**D**ear Sisters,  
I am on another continent a world away, but my heart and thoughts are always with you.  
As a Bangladeshi woman, I understand the cultural demands of marriage, domestic work and motherhood. However, due to my family settling in the United States, I have been exposed to the importance of women becoming educated, economically independent, and feeling self-worth outside of the boundaries of marriage and motherhood.

I know I would not have had the opportunity to experience this if I were in Bangladesh, but I wish that I could share this with all the young girls growing up in rural Bangladesh. Women in the country should be protected and invested in. Instead, Bangladesh currently has high rates of child marriages, domestic violence and sexual harassment.

My prayer for Bangladeshi women is that the country, your family,

and your community invest in your human potential. I pray that every time a baby girl is born, the family feels a great sense of pride and plans a future embedded with education, love and high aspirations just as they do with baby boys.

I pray that your health and your bodies are cherished by society so that you can get the proper medical care. I pray that the country understands how important every young girl, mother, wife, grandmother, aunt, sister and widow are to the evolution of the country in these modern times. May all of you continue to flourish, exude love and care and reach your dreams. This is my prayer for you. Amen.

*Liza Chowdhury, Ph.D.  
Founder of Reimagining Justice  
Passaic, New Jersey*



**Day 5** *Brazil: Matthew 2:12-18*

**D**ear God of Life, Creator of the world and its inhabitants, whose ears are always open to our cry, we humbly address You today to give thanks and to ask you to intercede:

We give thanks for all the women, children, youth, adults and elders that You have raised throughout Latin America to spread love, peace, justice, mercy, kindness and solidarity. These values of Your Kingdom are the first fruits of the New Heaven and New Earth.

We thank you for the diversity among these women descendants — slaves brought to our land, white settlers and immigrants, a mix of cultures and lifestyles that makes our continent a great mosaic and reflect Your love and desire for a pluralistic and harmonious world.

We praise Your name for the courage that You have inspired in these women in the face of all the adversities they are subjected to in their daily lives. We intervene for women who suffer violence. We cry for innocent women who live in favelas in Rio de Janeiro, who suffer at the hands of military police searching for drug traffickers.

We pray for the mothers of the six children killed by police and in clashes between crime factions in favelas in 2019. Half were girls: Jenifer Gomes, 11; Agatha Felix, 8, and Ketellen Gomes, 5. We pray that those who lost children to violence find peace. And please, Lord, let there be thorough investigations, so the murderers be brought to justice.

Dear God, continue to raise up women in politics, in courts and in religious spaces, in compassionate and merciful actions toward suffering mothers. Lord, allow love and mercy to be the source of inspiration and encouragement for the common good. Amen.

*Magali do Nascimento Cunha, Ph.D.  
Methodist Church  
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**Day 6** *Canada: Psalm 54*

**A**lmighty God,  
In Your sovereignty, we come to you.  
You have loved us with an everlasting and  
unconditional love. We come to You with  
hearts of gratitude because You have never failed us.

The hearts of humankind seem to grow colder each day. The poor are trampled and disregarded. Vulnerable people are neglected by our society as they eke out lives in the margins. Those in positions of power and authority mistreat, harass and abuse others. Lord, vindicate us.

Too many times, women are made to feel like we do not matter. It seems that ruthless people are trying to kill us. When we endeavor to make our own choices, we are blocked from opportunities. When we advance, the enemy pushes us back. Some of us cannot seem to get a foothold on the lives we desire. We are slandered and scandalized. Violence overtakes us in the streets, and even in our homes as intimate partner violence increases.

Our very survival is in jeopardy because of a lack of education, rising drug use, and more girls turning to sex work. These challenges cause our hearts to grow faint at times. But when we consider Your great love for us, we are encouraged. When we remember who You are, we can overcome our fears. We know that because You are with us, what you have ordained for us will come to pass. We praise You because You are our help.

You are the one who protects us. You are the one who sustains us. You deliver us from all our troubles. Open the eyes and hearts of others who harm us, intentionally or not, to see our humanity and to treat us in ways that affirm that humanity. And help us, Lord, to be all You desire for us.

Remind us of Your great love so that we make better choices. Reveal our worth. Bring us to that day, loving God, when we will triumph over our foes. In the mighty and matchless name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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## Day 7 Chile: Colossians 3:15



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**D**ear God, hear our prayer,  
You are the God of peace. We worship you with our souls, bodies and minds because we recognize that You are the only source of peace in our personal lives and in our world.

We claim peace in our beautiful country and the angels proclaim, “there will be peace on earth.” But we don’t see it here.

This past year has been very difficult because of political turmoil. It seems that everybody is against each other. The revolution that started at the end of October 2019 has not stopped. Every day we see more people getting hurt or dying because of the battles in the streets among the police and the protesters.

Food is not always readily available. Schools and universities are closed. Everything is changing because of this revolution.

We pray for the grandmothers, mothers and daughters that need to comfort the suffering.

We pray for our national, political and spiritual leaders that they will have wisdom to find solutions that will benefit all sides.

Dear God, please give us the opportunity to see peace as a reality and not just a faraway dream; we long for ourselves, our families and our country.

Dear God, You created us and call us to live as brothers and sisters. Please give us the strength to be instruments of peace.

Keep the flame of hope alive in us. Help us realize that with dialogue and patience we will see an end to this turmoil. Please, Lord, renew our hearts and minds so Your Shalom will become our reality. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*Racheal Contreras, Ph.D.*

*Director*

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# Economic Justice

**S**overeign God, Creator of the world, Provider, Protector and Sustainer:

You have ordained that justice and equity be part of Your plan for everyone, everywhere. We live in a world that is deeply divided between the rich and the poor, the haves and the have nots. We live in a world where the anguished screams of the needy too often go unheard. This causes us great pain and we know that it is not Your will.

We believe that You have called us to participate in the work of economic justice. As Your people, we believe that we are called to the work of eliminating income inequality and poverty; to create meaningful and sustainable opportunities for work worldwide. We realize that the world is rich in resources and you own the cattle on a thousand hills. You are a God who brings water from a rock and spreads a table in the wilderness.

We pray for a fair distribution of assets. We pray for those who sit in positions of privilege and power. Give them compassionate hearts and understanding minds. Speak to the governments of this world so that they understand Your will for humanity.

God, we pray for justice for the most vulnerable among us — the least, the excluded and the overlooked. We pray that economic justice becomes a reality for women and children, including the disabled, those mentally impaired and those who struggle in overwhelming poverty.

We pray for the strength to engage this work until it is on Earth as it is in Heaven. With renewed determination, we pray. Amen.

*Rev. Carolyn Ann Knight, D. Min.  
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**Day 9** *Colombia: Isaiah 40:31*



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**A**ll mighty God,  
We give You thanks for all that is good in the world; we give you thanks and offer this prayer for all women in the beautiful country of Colombia.

Colombian women are warm, loving, resilient, strong, faithful, hard-working and hopeful. We thank you for these attributes that have allowed women from all walks of life, especially indigenous groups and Afro descendants, to be survivors and to remain hopeful for a better life.

Our women and girls have endured years of pain and suffering caused by discrimination, armed conflicts, domestic violence, sexual violence, displacement, inequality and poverty. Through it all, they have never wavered in their faith in You Lord.

God, we ask for Your forgiveness for all of the atrocities committed against the indigenous and Afro-descendant women and girls. In October 2019, the Governor of the Nasa indigenous group, Cristina

Bautista, was assassinated in southwest Colombia for speaking out against the injustices of armed groups. Lord, comfort her followers and the women and girls that have been senselessly killed in the past year.

Lord, we ask You to guide the leaders of this country to end violence and oppression against women and girls. Help the authorities act from a place of forgiveness and love, not hate and revenge. We ask You to protect, guide and empower women and girls; give them strength and courage to continue fighting for their rights; give them hope for a better life; fill their hearts with love, Lord. With Your love, anything is possible. Amen.

*Luz Escobar  
Retired Sergeant  
Passaic County Prosecutor's Office  
Paterson, New Jersey*





**Day 10** Croatia: Psalm 77:19



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**G**racious and Loving God, we pray for women-led households. Cover their homes, children, and finances. Preserve their well-being—spiritually, emotionally, psychologically, and physically. Preserve their spirit of joy and peace. Keep away spirits of confusion, rebellion, depression, and despair.

Lord, give your daughters a sense of time that allows them to always see the goal. In the midst of the necessary and mundane, give them vision. Amid the slew of appointments, field duties, homework assignments, and transporting, remind them that all are instruments of your grace and mercy.

Lord, we ask that you show our mothers how to deal with the stresses that come their way, from ordinary and extraordinary circumstances. We pray that we would be women of prayer, and that we would learn how to leave our burdens at the altar. We ask for faithful friends we can talk to so we may be renewed and restored.

Lord, we ask that our children’s intelligence and intellectual curiosity be nurtured. Send teachers who can identify and draw out their abilities. Surround them with wise elders who will call forth their gifts.

We continue to pray for the safety of our children in a dangerous world. We ask that you be with our children—from kindergarten to college—as they travel between school and home. Keep them safe in the classrooms, on the playgrounds, and during after-school activities.

Protect those children who come home to an empty house and

those who must care for their siblings. Please let them enjoy some fruits of childhood.

Keep our children safe from predators in the virtual and real world. We pray against seducers who lure lonely children from safety into the traps of strangers, and we pray that you restore those who were pulled away.

We ask that you unravel the political red tape that promotes abject poverty, incarceration, and disenfranchisement. We want our children and our families to be whole.

We pray for nutritional health, access to good and affordable food, and clean water. We pray for access to information that teaches us what is good for our bodies and minds. Deliver those who live in food deserts and those struggling with food insecurity.

Make all of us living testimonies of your resurrection, pervasiveness, and love. Amen.

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## Day 11 *Democratic Republic of the Congo: Exodus 14:13*

Let us open our hearts to hear the Lord our God and pray for the Democratic Republic:

Lord, the Congo needs to start anew with You. As in the days of Moses, the Lord God is telling everyone to fear nothing but to be brave. Being in touch with the words spoken by the Lord, let us believe that the people of God will be free from slavery today. Moses did not have control over what was going to happen, but he trusted his God, and so do we.

Despite the obstacles of life, despite being in a very rich country stricken by poverty, we must always know that we are not alone. The Lord walks with us and knows all in advance. Let us trust in Him. Though we are at times surprised, we must know that no circumstance is a surprise to the Lord.

When He freed the children of Israel, they may have expected a road without obstacles. Often, we expect the same. But the Lord was not surprised by the presence of the Red Sea. And God understood what they left behind — a life of dreadful servitude, indignity and suffering.

God sees our suffering in Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Lord is not insensitive to it and is descending to deliver us, as He has done for others. Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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of the Congo*

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**Day 12** *Ethiopia: John 1:50*



*Photo: Afrikit*

**O**ur Divine Lord the Almighty, Our Creator and Savior, our hearts are full of gratefulness. We kneel before you to give thanks for all You have done and continue to do.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, thanking You for all the gifts You bestow on us.

Thank you for all the people You send to help with our cause.

Thank you for Your graciousness.

Thank you for never leaving us.

Thank you for the strength to continue with our cause.

We are blessed because You are our Anchor. You are our Light. You are our Strength; no one can weaken us. We thank you; we appreciate You and we love You very much. Thank you for our continuous blessings. Amen.

*Elleni Gebreamalak*

*President*

*African AIDS Initiative International*

*Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*



Day 13 Ghana: Psalm 127:1

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○ Lord, I pray for girls who have been kidnapped and raped in Ghana but do not have advocates to speak for them. Please guide and protect these girls.

○ Lord, I pray for single mothers who take care of their children with no help. Please grant them peace, wisdom, financial aid and boldness to stand strong and care for their children.

○ Lord, I pray for women who are going through widowhood rites; who are going through mental, emotional and physical torture. Please give them the strength to survive cultural traditions traumatizing them.

○ Lord, I pray for women and children caught in war-torn areas and experience the worst human atrocities. Please gather them together in a safe space and heal their minds, bodies and souls.

○ Lord, You know our needs and You have heard our cry. Please guard our hearts with Your Holy Spirit and bring us peace in the presence of our enemies.

○ Lord, be with us. Guide us through the storms of life. Guard us amid the mayhem. Grant us Your mercy and might. This is my prayer. Amen.

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**Day 14** Guyana: Psalm 121



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**I** thank you, God, for the women of beautiful Guyana.  
 I pray that You will continue to bless them.  
 I beseech You to open the windows of Heaven, O Lord, and pour out Your blessings on them physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually.  
 O Lord, in Thee do I put my trust. Save our women from violence, poverty, depression, compliancy and apathy. Renew a right spirit in them and grant them the zeal for right living.  
 My God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. For with You all things are possible. Show Thy marvelous and loving kindness to the women of Guyana and save them by Thy right hand as they put their

trust in You.  
 Keep the women of Guyana as the apple of Your eye and hide them under the shadow of Thy wings. Lord, preserve their coming and going.  
 Give ear to my words and consider my meditation. Hear my cry, my King, for unto thee I pray. Amen.  
*Deacon Maylene Williams Thomas  
 Long Creek Baptist Church  
 Guyana Missionary Baptist Church-Lott Carey  
 Long Creek, Guyana*

# *Migrant Justice*



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**G**racious and loving God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of the world and all who live in it:

You created women and men in Your image. We are fearfully and wonderfully made with purpose and unlimited possibilities for life and living. It is Your will that everyone lives life to the fullest and enjoys all the rights and privileges that should be afforded every human being.

It is for this reason, God, that we have come to You interceding for migrant women. Our sisters have left their homes and countries, crossing borders in search of a better life. They seek to be economically empowered, reunited with family, granted asylum, and provided safety and security as survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking.

These women have suffered great hardships. Even in the places where they had hoped for better, many of them are working for less than a living wage. They are living in poverty while dealing with barriers to healthcare, quality education and affordable housing.

Too many of our sisters live in fear. They fear being detained as undocumented residents and forced out of the country. They are afraid of being separated from their children and being sexually harassed or assaulted.

You are a God of justice. So, we pray for justice for migrant women. We pray that you would relieve them of their fears and teach them

to trust and depend on You. We pray that the citizens of the nations where they reside will recognize their worth and value them and their contributions in building communities. We pray that they be treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Help us all, O God, to be more sensitive to their needs and see ourselves as the answer to their prayers. Give us the courage to advocate for their human and civil rights, to fight for their dignity and well-being, seek laws that ensure their freedom of mobility, freedom from threats against them and their family, a clear and expedient path to citizenship, equal pay, protection on their jobs, as well as educational opportunities and other forms of advancement.

Empower these women to persevere as they seek the best for themselves and their families. Fill them with your peace and the confidence that by faith they shall overcome and receive the justice that they deserve as Your precious creation.

Thank you for hearing and answering our prayer. We pray in faith and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Rev. Cynthia Hale, D.Min.  
Founder and Senior Pastor  
Ray of Hope Christian Church  
Decatur, Georgia*



**Day 16** *Haiti: Psalm 37:4-9*



*Photo: Vic Hinterlang*

**O**ur Dear Lord,  
We thank you for Your greatness and for each day of our lives. We want to praise, worship and glorify your name before the nation. We also come before You to seek forgiveness and we know without a doubt that You will not turn your face away from us.

In Psalm 37:4 and 9, it is said “Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart . . . For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.”

We pray for Haitian women and womankind around the world who are suffering from all sorts of injustice and whose voices are ignored.

You are the same Lord that delivered the Israelites from slavery and confronted Pharaoh’s evil. We know that You are the Lord of the past, present and future, we believe You can deliver the women of Haiti.

Dear God, send Your Moses before the leaders to rescue Haitian women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking.

In Matthew 14: 18-20, You fed 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Please God, perform a similar miracle for mothers who are witnessing their children die of hunger before their eyes.

We pray to You because we believe that You are the only solution for our problems. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Natacha Pierre, MSW  
Former Mental Health Worker for Lott Carey  
Saint Peter Catholic Apostolic Church  
Naples Florida*





**Day 17** *India: Galatians 3:28*



*Photo: Kelly M. Lacy*

**D**ear God,  
You have created us as equals. In Your precious eyes, men and women are the same. We are Your children and You do not differentiate between us.

In our country, there are modest efforts to empower women and there is constant talk of equal opportunities for all. These high ideals are real to some extent in the metros, but in reality women are paid less for doing the same jobs men do and women in villages are marginalized.

Women walk miles to bring home clean water for their families. They raise their children and take care of the cooking, washing, cleaning, looking after livestock and other field work. In urban shanty towns they work as daily wagers, often carrying bricks on their heads, doing the same tasks as men but earning a pittance. They face domestic violence, their wages taken by menfolk to buy alcohol. They are treated with disrespect and are raped and trafficked, often at a tender age.

Baby girls are often aborted because families want sons. A woman who produces daughters is set aside and a new wife is brought into the home. A girl child is discriminated against and is always in an inferior

position in obtaining an education or selecting a profession or mate. There are efforts to change this way of thinking, but many men hold onto their beliefs and women suffer.

Why, Lord? We beseech You to be with us. Help men realize that You are a kind and protective Lord. You see women as strong and beautiful. You see them as worthy of respect. Help our sisters to be courageous and stand up for their rights.

We pray that our girls may receive the same education as their brothers.

We pray that girls be protected from the time of conception and through their lives.

We humbly bring our plea before You in the name of Your Blessed Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Dorothy Ann Tressler  
Chairperson and Director  
Somerville Schools  
Lott Carey Baptist Mission  
Noida, India*



Day 18 Italy: Psalm 13



Photo: Kat Jayne

**H**ow long, Jehovah, will you forget me,  
locked up as a dog in putrid prisons  
between piss and sweat,  
beatings and horror?  
Will you forget me forever?

How long will You hide Your face from me?  
My tormentors search me,  
strip me of my dignity,  
deprive me of my poor possessions,  
constrain me to forced labor.

How long must I bear pain in my soul  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?  
The waters fill the rubber boat  
and our tears add up to them.  
Despair is all around me.

Look at me, Jehovah, my God!  
Give light to my eyes  
or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
swallowed up by sea waters and tears.

Answer me, Jehovah, my God,  
So that these shall not erase the memory of me  
and shout: "We have prevailed!"

But I trusted in Your steadfast love:

a vision of rescue, closer and closer,  
and I see Your love in the faces of these  
as pale as ghosts.

My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation  
that You are granting me;  
through these fishers of men and women and children  
they are catching me gently.  
And I will sing to Jehovah  
because Jehovah has dealt bountifully with me.

Pray for women living in Italy after surviving the violence in Libya  
and the crossing of the Mediterranean Sea.

Pray for Italian women committed to welcoming and serving  
immigrant women to see their rights met.

Pray for all women in Italy, Italians and immigrants, committed to  
defend the universality of human rights.

Pray that discriminatory laws against immigrants be cancelled.

Pray for the conversion of politicians that promote racism and  
hatred.

Pray for Italy to be a safe place for women of all origins and na-  
tionalities.

Amen.

Rev. Silvia Rapisarda

Pastor

Baptist Church and Waldensian Church

Catania, Italy



**Day 19** *Jamaica: Matthew 15:21-28*

**D**ear Lord and Father,  
Thank you for being a God who sees all and knows all. We come to You thanking you for being an omniscient God who watches over us day and night. You know us by name, and You know the yearnings of our hearts. Your love and kindness create a barrier of protection around us every day.

Father, we acknowledge You as our provider and our compass towards our destiny. Our faith in You guides us and gives us the strength to move forward in times of uncertainty. Help us to be brave but to always remember who You are.

Father, I pray for the women of Jamaica that their persistence and faith in You will help them realize their potential. Don't let them be discouraged when a first or second door closes. Help them, Father, to listen with their hearts and not with their ears.

The request of the Canaanite woman was granted because of her persistence and faith in You. The disciples wanted you to “send her

away, for she keeps crying out after us.” The woman believed in her heart that You could save her daughter as she cried, “Lord, help me!” Justice for women will come when women are persistent and continue to cry out to You.

Our faith and belief in You will be realized when we take on the responsibility of being role models for our daughters. Then we will be the women You created us to be — dynamic leaders, and loving partners.

Thank you, Father, for Your grace, mercy, and unbounding love and kindness.

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*Rev. Dr. Jerry Bryant, Pastor*





Day 20 Kenya: Isaiah 61:1-2, Luke 4:18-19

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**W**e confess that we are poor. Yet we are empowered that Christ proclaims good news to the poor. (Matthew 5:3)

We confess that we are captive. Yet we are empowered that Christ proclaims liberty to the captives. (II Corinthians 4:8; Colossians 1:13-14)

We confess that we are blind. Yet we are empowered that Christ proclaims recovery of sight to the blind. (John 9:41)

We remember that our 'sight', vision and knowledge are limited, compared to Your endless insights, O God.

We confess that we are oppressed. Yet we are empowered that Christ sets at liberty those who are oppressed. (Psalm 9:9)

We confess that we are unfavored. Yet we are empowered that Christ

proclaims the year of the Lord's favor. (I Corinthians 2:9)

We pray for those of us with frailties that are visible and invisible, known and unknown. Enable us to be joyful despite our circumstances. The cause of our conditions may have been beyond our control, but with Your help we can improve our attitudes and how we respond to our challenges.

Dear God, You know the situations we endure. You remain God, even when the agony is too much. And when it seems we can't take it anymore you help us find alternative ways of being able; different ways to serve Your Kingdom. Thank you for Your power and glory. Amen.

Rev. Dawn Gikandi  
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**Day 21** *Liberia: Psalm 140: 1-13*



*Photo: Ezekiel Akinnewu*

**H**eavenly Father, we thank You for life. Lord, we are grateful for the many things You have done.

I stand against all forms of gender-based violence and abuse against girls and women around the world, and I bind every evil spirit associated with this behavior. I condemn any and everything that destroys a person's self-respect, self-worth and confidence, and leaves them with feelings of low self-esteem and depression.

Your word is filled with accounts of miraculous protection. Make Your children invisible to people who seek to exploit them. Defend the weak and fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hands of the wicked.

Protect us, Heavenly Father, from violence and kidnappers, as we go out to face this harsh, cruel world. Protect our coming and going at school, play, work, while traveling, or while just hanging out. Send

Your angels to guard Your children each day.

Lord, draw close to those touched by violence, those who have lost loved ones or their sense of security. Be a steady comfort and safe resting place for them.

Soften the hearts and steady the minds of those who would commit violent acts against women and girls. Replace hate with love, violence with peace and darkness with Your light.

Renew our spirits and help us stand against fear. Rebuild trust and confidence. Help us to regain strength, courage and hope for better days. May Your Holy Spirit cover them in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Quinah Massaquoi  
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# Reproductive Justice

Creator of all mothers, sisters and daughters,  
God of Tamar, Hagar and Mary,  
We are grateful for the evidence in Scripture and in our  
lives that You have formed us in your image. You see us and  
You care about the things that concern us.

We thank You for showing us through the women of Scripture  
that You care about our longing for motherhood. We thank You for  
showing us that You care about our bodies being used and abused for  
the pleasure and purposes of others. We thank You for making clear  
through Your angel's discourse with Mary that our consent is important  
to You. Therefore, liberate the voices and volition of our sisters in  
every nation, village and home.

God, cover those who find themselves in circumstances in which a  
growing baby is very bad news. We ask You for strength, courage and  
wisdom for our sisters. We ask that You send help through kind and  
wise friends. We ask that You manifest resources at the interpersonal  
and governmental level to facilitate conceiving, gestating, delivering,  
recovering and child-rearing in love, joy and safety for our sisters.

Spirit of love and justice, we ask that You empower all our sisters to  
make decisions that lead to healthier selves, families and communities.  
We ask that You place people in leadership in their countries, com-  
munities and congregations who understand the science and heart of  
reproduction. We ask You to bless those who would look upon Your  
beloved daughters with compassion, seeing them as full people, not  
simply as vehicles for the growth and proliferation of humankind.

You are a just God and we know that fully empowered women  
bring You glory. We recognize that fully empowered women improve  
communities. And we declare that fully empowered women advance  
nations.

You are a good God and we believe you want good things for us.  
Thank you for hearing our prayer. Amen.

*Rev. TaNikka Sheppard, D.Min.*  
*President*  
*Baptist Women of North America*  
*Columbus, Ohio*

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**Day 23** *Mozambique: Genesis 16:13*



**L**ord of sea and sky, You know the cyclones of the past year have only made life more difficult for Your daughters in Mozambique.

Even as we thank you for sparing many of their lives, Holy Spirit, we ask You to be a calming force during this rainy season. Strong God, as You showed us in the parting of the Red Sea and of the Jordan, You can stop water in its path. Jesus as You spoke to the storm and calmed it, we ask that You work Your wonders and hide Mozambique from this season's cyclones.

God, we ask that You also pour the spirit of love and justice over Mozambique concerning care for women, particularly during this time of recovery. May land remain with its rightful owners. May reasonable

voices prevail. May You raise up Baraks who might heed the instructions of Deborahs. May You raise up Jaels who might see and seize the opportunity to skillfully and shrewdly do Your will. May You show widows and orphans which people in power have hearts of compassion to aid them. May You hide them from those who might do them harm.

Thank you for Your relentless love and Your mighty power. Amen.

*Khadija Garrison Adams  
New Salem Missionary Baptist Church  
Columbus, Ohio*

*Photo: Jean van der Meulen*





*[Editor's Note: Two cyclones hit Mozambique and its neighbors in 2019: Cyclone Idai in March killed more than 1300 and caused \$2.2 billion (USD) in damage; and Cyclone Kenneth in April killed 52 and caused \$100 million (USD) in damage.]*



**Day 24** Nigeria: Genesis 1:27



UN Photo: Evan Schneider

Nigerian-born film director Toyin Ibrahim Adekeye discusses Yoruba culture and the Trans-Atlantic slave trade in her documentary, *Bigger Than Africa.*, at a UN event.

**H**eavenly Father,  
You are the Creator of all things.  
With Your beloved Son, Jesus, and by  
the power of the Holy Spirit You created  
humanity in Your image according to Your wisdom  
and loving kindness.

Heavenly Father, there are some people who reject Your wisdom. They despise the blessing of Your creation. They discriminate against the women and girls that You created with men and boys to have dominion on Earth.

Heavenly Father, our sisters in Nigeria and other parts of the world are marginalized in their private and public lives. They are not considered equals by men and boys when making decisions. There is a great disparity because of the perception that females are better subordinates, whose social rights and benefits should be subject to the dictates of men and their values.

Heavenly Father, we pray that women and girls be recognized, acknowledged, and valued with men and boys equally. We pray for women and girls to share equitably in the distribution of power, knowledge and resources. We pray for women and girls to have freedom from oppression, repression and violence. We know that with men this is impossible but with You all things are possible.

Heavenly Father, we worship You and praise Your Holy and righteous name. Thank you for hearing and responding to our prayer. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is King over all the Earth. Amen.

*Rev. Tywana D. Worsley, M.Div.  
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**Day 25** Palestine: Psalm 27: 1-5



Photo: Kevin Octa

[Editor's Note: The Israeli military uses a color-coded identification system, issuing green IDs to Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and blue IDs to Palestinians in East Jerusalem. According to the Al Jazeera Media Network, the ID cards "affect everything from freedom of movement to family unity." The network reports that the system has been compared to laws created by whites in apartheid South Africa to control the movement of blacks and mixed-race people and to keep them in "inferior positions."]

**D**ear Lord,  
Women in my country are facing many challenges and restrictions. Violence against women is on the rise within our communities, and we have an occupation that controls our lives to the extent that we cannot love freely.

The past few months have been filled with violent attacks against our women, one incident resulting in a death. It is unjust and heart-breaking to see that our communities still hold on to the mentality of "we need to hit to be obeyed." I pray for our women to become more like Priscilla, who had the courage to speak out against injustice and advocate for those who were silenced. With a heart filled with faith, I ask You, Lord, to send Your Holy Spirit to women being bullied so that they can experience Your presence. Give us, Lord, the courage to express our faith and help us set an example for our daughters that women and men are equal in the eyes of God.

Lord, we are facing a brutal occupation that is not only taking over our lands, but is also controlling our lives, physically and emotionally. An occupation that is threatening our presence in Jerusalem and determines who we can love — blue ID cardholders and green ID cardholders cannot be together, even if love has united them.

The threat of losing our Jerusalemite residence always haunts us. Help us, Lord, to understand the true meaning of love. The love that you showed the world on the cross; the love that is focused on Your Holy presence in our lives. Help us to become like Esther. Give us the courage to stand in the face of anything that threatens our families. Help us to be Esther in our communities and speak up against injustice.

Help us to trust that You are always holding our loved ones in the palm of Your hands. Teach us, Lord, to be a source of hope for other women facing this occupation. Give us comfort and show us Your love so we can share it with others. Amen.

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**Day 26** *Philippines: Genesis 1:27*



*Photo: Luis Quintero*

**D**ear God,  
Make us mindful that in the beginning men and women were created equally in Your image. Please forgive and enlighten those who confuse Your original plan for gender equality with the curse of patriarchy. Help them to search the Scriptures and to see where they have gone astray.

“Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’” (Genesis 2:18 NRSV)

Please create opportunities for those who misunderstand Your divine plan for women and men to be equal partners because Eve is described as Adam’s “helper.” May they come to understand, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, the true meaning of the Hebrew and Greek translations that define “helper” as a person who helps someone in danger or who needs assistance.

As You create opportunities for men and women to discover that women are Your answer to men’s deficiencies, Your Church will become the egalitarian community You intended from the beginning.

Help patriarchal Church leaders see that You saw man’s deficiency as being alone in the beginning, and that You created woman in Your image to be a partner with man. Together, women and men accomplish Your perfect plan.

We need Your Holy Spirit to sensitize the saints to the fact that gender inequality was not part of Your original creation. Show Your Church – through Your Word – that men ruling over women was a consequence of the Fall. Prayerfully, when believers embrace this truth, Your Church (as a redemptive-prophetic community) will be set free from the “curse” of patriarchy.

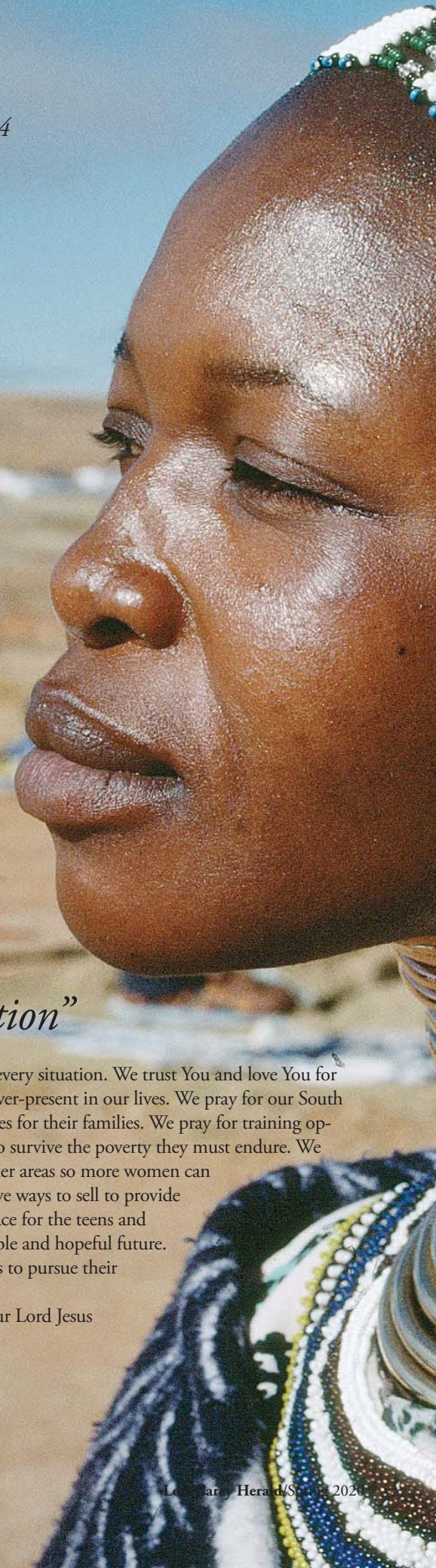
As we move into Your original purpose and plan for women and men to be equal partners in ministry leadership, may Your Church show the world the full potential of fallen humanity once it has been saved, set free, and restored to its original state by faith in Christ Jesus.

“As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:27-28 NRSV)

*Rev. Carol Lynn Patterson, D.Min.  
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**Day 27** *South Africa: Psalm 118: 13-14*



*“You Educate a Woman, You Educate a Nation”*

**W**e lift our voice to Thee, our Lord, for You have been our refuge and strength in every situation. We trust You and love You for your compassion and mercy to give us strength and the assurance that You are ever-present in our lives. We pray for our South African women and mothers who struggle every day for ways to provide resources for their families. We pray for training opportunities that will provide skills that will equip them to earn needed income to survive the poverty they must endure. We ask that the Cooperative Programs that are arising in communities will flourish and spread to other areas so more women can become self-sufficient. Lord, allow them to learn what can be grown, made, or prepared in creative ways to sell to provide income for their families. Teach them to work in harmony and unity. We pray Your favor and grace for the teens and young women who have a desire and ability to go to college or vocational training to secure a stable and hopeful future. Lord, You have gifted them with good minds and dreams, yet they find themselves without funds to pursue their dreams. We pray that sponsors and churches recognize this important need and support them.

We thank You for hearing our prayers, dear Lord, and granting us Your peace. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Rev. Yvonne Best-Motaung, D.Min.  
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Johannesburg, South Africa*





**Day 28** South Sudan: 1 Timothy 6:12



*Photo: Jaroslav Smabel*

**T**hank you, loving Father, for allowing us to come to you to find rest for our souls and strength to fight constant battles against the enemy.

Thank you, loving Father that we are more than conquerors through your great love, through Jesus the Christ.

Thank you, loving Father, that we don't have to fight our battles alone but with Your Holy Spirit standing against injustice.

Thank you, loving Father, that we can see our way through the systems of oppression designed to keep us bent and bound.

Thank you, loving Father, that we were beautifully and wonderfully made to fight the good fight with you as our guide.

Thank you, loving Father, for the knowledge that if You be for us, no one can stand against us.

Thank you, loving Father for Your mercy and might, for Your goodness and Your grace, for Your presence and Your peace. You are our all and all, and we praise Your name.

Loving Father, we say thank you. Amen.

*Rachel Rono  
Widow & Women's Leader  
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## Justice for the Disabled



Dear Merciful Father,  
We thank you for the love and compassion that you give to all people. We thank you for your abiding care for us, and for your unending, unconditional, and sacrificial love.

On this day, we pray for those with disabilities. Strengthen them where they are weak, encourage their hearts when they are downtrodden, and remind them that You are always with them through the mountains and valleys of their lives. Be with those who are struggling with discrimination, rejection and exclusion because of their uniqueness. Give protection from those who might try to take advantage and abuse them and break down barriers that impede justice for people with disabilities. Provide them with a loving community that will embrace and accept them, reassuring them that they belong.

Through Your Holy Spirit, touch and strengthen caregivers who serve those with disabilities. We know You to be a way-maker and provider, and we pray that You will give them the tools to care for Your people. Support them and their needs as they do the same for those they serve.

Reveal to us where we have fallen short of Your glory in caring for others and being compassionate servants to all who are in need. Give us the courage to advocate for resources and programs that are needed to benefit our brothers and sisters in their daily living. Humble our minds and our spirits and remind us that we are all your children created in Your image. Convict us to love one another in that same spirit. We pray that You bless us with discernment and wisdom to provide the nurturing support You would have us give to these, Your people. Unify us as co-builders of Your Kingdom and be glorified by our communion.

In the most loving and gracious name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

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Youth & Young Adult Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church  
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**Day 30** *Zambia: Genesis 16:13*



*Photo: Vardan Sevan*

**W**e give You thanks, God, because You know each of us by name. Even before we were conceived in our mothers' womb You knew us. Nothing happens to us without Your knowledge. Such knowledge of us is too deep for us to understand. We appreciate You, God, because we know You are ever-present with us.

It is in the spirit of this deep knowledge of us that we bring to Your throne of grace the women and girls forced into domestic work. As they work in private homes they are at the mercy of their employers. Some have found favor in the eyes of their employers and are treated with dignity while earning a fair wage. We thank you for such employers.

But other women and girls working as domestic workers endure physical, psychological, emotional, economic, and sexual abuse by employers. Help these women remember that You see them. Give them wisdom to find a way out of the abuse and poverty. We pray for laws that protect domestic workers. We pray for the formation of associations for their protection.

We also commit into Your hands the abusive employers. Open their eyes to see that mistreatment of other human beings is evil and lead them into repentance. Thank you for Your promise to forgive sins when we repent.

Thank you, God, because You listen to the prayers of Your children. We receive with thanksgiving the love You have planted in our hearts for You, for ourselves and for others.

In the name of our Lord Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Isabel Apawo Phiri, Ph.D.  
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Geneva, Switzerland*



**Day 31** *Zimbabwe: Genesis 22:14, II Corinthians 3:17*



*Photo: Christopher Boyd*

**D**ear Heavenly Father,  
We come before You as women and girls of Zimbabwe. We thank You, Lord, for the gift of life that You have given us. It is through Your grace that we can exalt your mighty name.

Father, we pray for all the women in Zimbabwe. Bless them, Lord. Whatever they touch with their hands and in their endeavors, bless them Lord, as they struggle to provide for their families and try to make ends meet. Remember them.

The hard-living conditions in Zimbabwe are too much for the women to bear. This has resulted in many women and girls being manipulated by those who are rich, powerful and in authority. Dear Father, remember them through these hardships. Release them from this oppression and give them what they deserve as Your children. You said in Your Word that You have come to liberate the oppressed and give strength to the weak. Here we come, Lord, as women. We surrender all our burdens to You.

Father remember those who are sick, who can't get medications. Heal them, Lord, for through Your stripes we are healed. We pray for orphans and widows. You are their provider. You know their needs. You said that whatever they ask in Your name shall be given. So, we ask You, Father, to provide for us. You already know what we need before we ask.

Lord, we are grateful for Your mighty power and deeds. You are our sanctuary and our hope. We cast all our burdens as women and girls of Zimbabwe upon You. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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## Our prayer guide

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*faith on the earth?”*

As we mark the 8th anniversary of 31 Days of Prayer for Women's Empowerment, Lott Carey's Women in Service Everywhere (WISE) explores Gender Justice—racial, economic, migrant, reproductive and for the disabled.

Mark your calendar and plan to be with us on February 29 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina as we kick off 31 Days of Prayer for Women's Empowerment. Then join us each morning during the month of March at 6:00 a.m. ET in prayer for women around the world. The dial-in number is 712-770-4010, Access Code: 172051.

We will use this prayer guide during the 31 Days of Prayer. We suggest that you also use it in Bible study during your women's ministry discussions on gender injustice. It is also a wonderful tool to share in the jails and prisons in your Criminal Justice ministries.

Prayer is defined as talking to God, but it is much more than that. Prayer is an act of worship that glorifies God and reinforces our need for Him. If ever we needed God, it sure is now.

*Rosette Graham is President of Lott Carey's WISE—Women In Service Everywhere, which mobilizes women to engage in global missions. She is a member of Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia.*

## WISE believes empowering women

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in their communities in spite of racism, sexism, classism, ableism and every other ism. It's been said, "If a man focuses on race while ignoring or participating in gender bias, he is exercising his male privilege. If a Caucasian woman demands gender parity disregarding the impact of racial bias, she is exercising her white privilege. If empowered women of color focus on racial bias and gender bias without regard for the impact of classism on the incarcerated of any race, they are exercising class privilege."

I believe together we are stronger. Either we stand united for justice or remain divided and fall. In 2020 and 2021 the Prayer Guide focuses on gender justice for women on the street and women serving time in prison.

Walking in step with the Spirit, embodying the Lott Carey way, WISE is committed to empowering women while serving and learning together. In every sphere of influence, WISE advocates for gender justice with an introspective, intersectional, inclusive, anti-oppressive lens. Join us in a wider conversation about gender justice and let's be about our Father's business in a most excellent way.

*Dr. Angelita Clifton is First Vice President of WISE. She is an associate minister at Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, New Jersey.*

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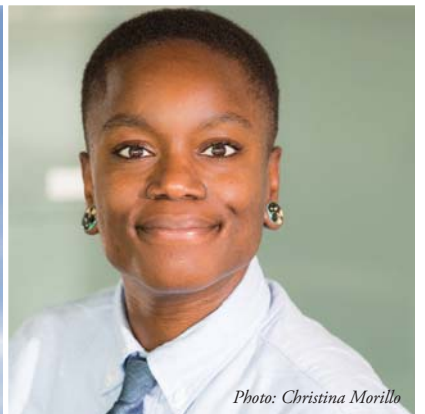
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