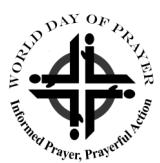


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“I will give you rest; - Come”

Matthew 11 : 28



Worship Service

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Greetings from Scottish Committee Convener

“I will give you rest; - Come”

Matthew 11:28

It has been a busy year for World Day of Prayer in Scotland. By the time the 7th of March, the World Day of Prayer in 2025, came around with its focus on a verse from Psalm 139 “*I made you Wonderful*” with the service written by Ecumenical Women in the Cook Islands the Scottish Committee had already been working on the materials for the 2026 Service (which we are using today) for several months.

The popular preparation days on Facebook – “*Countdown to WDP*” continue to attract followers with around 600 individual and groups including WDP Committees in other countries interacting with the posts.

June saw the meeting of the European Region WDP Conference with almost 70 women from around Europe gathering in Edinburgh to explore the theme of “*Journeying with Hope*”. We sang (including a hymn especially written for the conference by Ann Bowie one of our own committee members), danced, crafted, studied scripture, and learned about each other’s countries, Nigeria – the 2026 writing country and the history and structure of WDP. Most importantly we built relationships and made new friends.

I hope you did not miss the Scottish WDP Gathering in September when we explored the theme “*United in Prayer*” together.

And then – just like the cycle of prayer that goes around the world on WDP itself the committee started looking ahead to the Centennial Year 2027 when our service will be written by the International Committee of WDP.

Welcome to this service and to World Day of Prayer 2026 from Ecumenical Women in Nigeria based on a verse from Matthew’s Gospel 11:28.

“I will give you rest; - Come”

Helen M Mee

A letter from WDP International Committee Executive Director

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.

Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens - shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair - the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.

You'll find this theme beautifully expressed across all program components:

The Worship Service features a playlet about a young girl named Chioma and stories of three Nigerian women: Beatrice, Jato, and Blessing. Their experiences reveal how God provides rest through community support, faith, and hope.

The Bible Study explores divine rest from creation to Jesus' time, examining wisdom traditions and Jesus' transformation of rest from rigid rules to liberating mercy.

The Children's Program includes prayers, storytelling, and other activities that help children understand how they can both receive and extend God's rest to others. Through interactive elements, children learn about Nigeria's rich culture while exploring what it means to bring their burdens to God and help others who are weary.

The Country Background provides comprehensive information about Nigeria's history, culture, and contemporary challenges, with special attention to the achievements and struggles of Nigerian women.

Original music composed for the program includes a moving theme song by Chisom R. Chukwumerije, written especially for this World Day of Prayer service. The song invites those who are weary and oppressed to find comfort and rest in God.

The artistic work of Gift Amarachi Ottah beautifully captures the theme through her depiction of burdens carried by women from diverse backgrounds.

The Nigerian committee has woven together their cultural wisdom with the universal need for rest. Through symbols like the calabash bowl, which represents both daily sustenance and divine provision, they remind us how God meets us in our weariness.

Included in these preliminary materials are the Worship Service, Bible Study, Country Background, Children's Program, Artwork and Artist Statement. In coming weeks and months, we will provide music sheets and photographs to accompany the program. Additionally, we will send a list of organizations recommended for support by WDP Nigeria.

As we prepare for WDP 2026, may we learn to embody Jesus' invitation: 'Come to me, all you who are weary.' Together, let us become channels of God's rest in our troubled world.

In sisterhood and faith,



Katie Reimer Executive Director, WDPIC

WORSHIP SERVICE

Leader 1

Let us begin the Service with a song of praise

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE - *Keleya*

Keleya, keleya nobuez,
keleya keleya nobuez,
kele Jisus nobuez,
Jisus I di nma.

Praise God, praise God, He's the King,
Praise God, praise God, He's the King,
Praise Jesus, He's the King,
Jesus, you are good.

Leader 1

WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome, dear friends, to this gathering of people from various communities across the globe. We come together on this day to lift our collective voices, united in prayer and action

Our theme, *I Will Give You Rest: Come*, draws inspiration from Matthew 11:28. It serves as a heartfelt invitation from Jesus to all who are burdened and heavy-laden. And so, you are invited to come, just as you are. Bring all that weighs you down, so that you may find rest.

Christian women from Nigeria are calling out to you, wherever you are in the world, beckoning you to come and find rest for your souls. As we worship together, may we share each other's burdens and find renewed strength in our unity. May each of us find a sense of belonging here, as we are united in the embrace of Christ's love.

Leader 2

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray

God, our Burden Bearer, we come before you in praise and adoration! You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. In you we live and move and have our being.

We have gathered trusting your promise that where two or three are gathered in your name you are with us. And so, we welcome and celebrate your presence in our midst.

We commit this worship into your hands, praying that you will come among us. Help us be open to the Spirit that you are releasing upon us and let your presence fill this place.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN OF INVITATION – *Art Thou Weary* (Stefanos 8.5.8.3 or Cuttle Mills 8.5.8.3)

(Alternatively another hymn can be chosen if wished)

The hymn, Art Thou Weary, is well known around the world, including in Nigeria. It is cherished and sung by all denominations throughout the country.

Our sisters from World Day of Prayer Nigeria have beautifully reworked the lyrics to this beloved song, bringing it to life in ways that resonate with our present circumstances. Let us sing it together, responding to its timeless invitation to come and find rest for our weary souls

HYMN

Are you burdened, are you weary, do you feel oppressed?

"Come," the Voice of Love invites us to find rest.

Are you lonely, are you grieving, feeling pain, distress?

In our sisterhood of faith, you will be blessed.

Refrain

Praying, hoping, singing, loving, will we find our rest?

Faithful people rise together, answer "Yes!"

Is there hope when vio'lence looms and terror grips us tight?

Yes, our prayers unite us, shining in the night.

Is there rest for weary siblings, those who live in fear?

Yes, for Christ's yoke, it is easy, light to bear.

Refrain

*Praying, hoping, singing, loving, will we find our rest?
Faithful people rise together, answer "Yes!"*

When we come with heavy spirits, where can we find peace?
In the arms of Love, anxiety will cease.
Can we thrive through the poverty that's holding us down?
In God's kingdom, we are honoured, we are blessed.

Refrain

*Praying, hoping, singing, loving, will we find our rest?
Faithful people rise together, answer "Yes!"*

[This hymn can also be sung in Yoruba or Igbo]

Reader

SCRIPTURE READING - *Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)*

Let us turn our hearts and minds to the words of Jesus found in the Gospel of Matthew. Let us hear these words as a gracious invitation from the very heart of God.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Leader 3

Come to Jesus, all you who are weary

All: We come.

Leader: Come to Jesus, all you who are carrying heavy burdens

All: We come.

Leader: God will give you rest.

All: God will give us rest.

Leader: Take on the yoke that Jesus offers. It is easy. It is light.

All: We receive this yoke.

Leader: Learn from the one who is gentle and humble in heart.

All: We are here to learn.

Leader: You will find rest for your souls.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Brother, Sister, Let me serve you (Servant Song)



Leader 1

STORIES & PRAYERS

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, we have now heard Jesus inviting us to come, to bring our burdens, and to find rest for our souls. And so, we open our hearts now, to listen to three stories of our Nigerian sisters. These testimonies reflect their experiences, and they mirror the struggles faced by many around the world.

There's a proverb used in Nigeria that says, "The pain of one is the pain of all." As we hear these stories, let's remember that what affects each of these women also affects us.

We'll hear of widows overcoming oppression, mothers finding courage to send their daughters to school, and daily challenges testing people's faith - experiences that resonate across cultures and borders.

These stories aren't meant to bring despair. Rather, they show how God truly gives rest even in the most difficult situations. May the Holy Spirit speak through these testimonies, inspiring us to lift our voices in prayer with all who carry heavy burdens worldwide. We are one body in Christ. When one part suffers, we all suffer; but when one finds rest in Jesus, we can all rejoice!

Let's open our ears to hear, our hearts to feel, and our minds to understand. The God who invites us to come and find rest is the same God who will use these stories to stir us to powerful, faithful prayer, uniting us across continents in compassion and hope.

THEME SONG – *Come Unto Me* (Chisom R Chukwumerije 2024) Composed especially for the World Day of Prayer – music to be provided

Leader 2

Come Unto Me is a song that was composed especially for this World Day of Prayer service. Let us sing together and hear this call from the heart of God.

Are you down and feeling lonely,
are you weary and oppressed,
you don't have to be discouraged,
Jesus says "Come unto me."

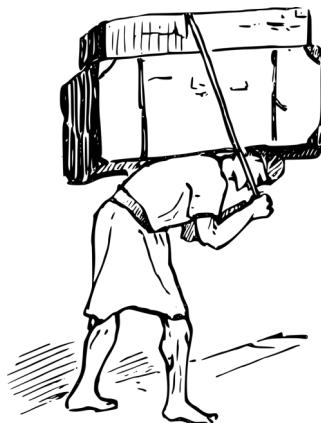
Refrain:

Come, come unto me, (2x)
come, you who are weary, and I will give you rest.
Come, come unto me, (2x)
Come, you who are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Tell your brother and your sister that the Saviour is a friend.
and He offers you his shoulder, lean on him and you'll find rest.

Refrain:

Come, come unto me, (2x)
come, you who are weary, and I will give you rest.
Come, come unto me, (2x)
Come, you who are burdened, and I will give you rest.



Woman 1

BEATRICE'S STORY: The Burden of Systemic Oppression

My name is Beatrice. I became a widow at 28 when my husband was killed in a communal clash. That day, I lost more than my partner. I lost my place in society. Alone with three young children, I faced a world that seemed to have turned its back on me.

The struggles I've faced as a widow in Nigeria are overwhelming. Poverty hit us hard. I lost our main source of income and struggled to find work as a single mother. My in-laws, who I thought would support us, treated me with suspicion and tried to take away my husband's property. There were days I didn't know how I'd feed my children or pay their school fees.

In my darkest moments, I found strength in my faith and in the community of other widows. I attended a support programme organised by my local church where hundreds of widows showed up. I realised I wasn't alone in my struggles.

What inspires me most is the resilience of my fellow widows. Many remain committed to Christ, finding solace in knowing Jesus as our Burden Bearer. One widow started a programme to support others, encouraging donations of clothes, food and money. Her actions inspired me to help as well.

Through it all, we remain loyal to our families and the memory of our husbands. With faith and community, we find the strength to carry on, learning to lay our burdens at Jesus' feet.

PRAYER

Leader 1

Let us pray together:

God, you are the Great Burden Bearer. We come before you as your children, from all corners of the world. We lift up our voices with Beatrice and all our siblings who carry the heavy loads of systemic oppression.

Reprise the refrain of the theme song: Come unto me

Come, come unto me, (2x)

Come, you who are weary, and I will give you rest.

Come, come unto me, (2x)

Come, you who are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Woman 2

JATO'S STORY: The Burden of Religious Persecution

My name is Jato, and I am a Christian mother living in northern Nigeria. Every day when I send my 14-year-old daughter, Amina, to school, my heart tightens with worry. Amina is the same age as Leah Sharibu was when she was taken from her school in Dapchi, just a few hours away. Eight years have passed since Boko Haram took her, and still, she remains their prisoner. Every time I look at Amina, I think, "What if it had been her?"

Living under the shadow of religious persecution is challenging. In some areas, Christians are killed for their faith. Yet, by God's grace, we coexist with our Muslim neighbours. In Yorubaland, Christians and Muslims live together like family. I know that in some parts of the world, Christians also persecute others for their beliefs.

These conflicts are not new: even in Jesus' time, there were clashes. Yet, He showed us a different way—calling us to love even those who disregard life. This may seem like a heavy burden, but Jesus promises that His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

How do we find that lightness? Only through God's grace. We carry the yoke of loving our neighbours, even when they wish us harm. It's challenging, but God's grace sees us through.

I often wonder what my faith calls me to do in the face of persecution.

Leah's story reminds us of the cost of faith but also its power. In Dama-turu, a small Christian community gathers to pray for Leah's return. Their hope and persistent faith inspire me to keep believing, loving, and living alongside all my neighbours—Muslim and Christian alike.

As I watch Amina leave for school, I pray for her safety and her heart. I hope she, like Leah, will stand firm in her faith and see the image of God in everyone she meets, regardless of their beliefs. This is how we find rest in God—not by harbouring hatred but by letting Christ's love flow through us, even in persecution. It's a daily choice, a daily surrender. In making this choice, we find that our burdens become light, and in God, we find our rest.

PRAYER

Leader 2

Let us pray together:

Lord Jesus, you faced persecution and stood firm in your faith. We lift up Leah Sharibu and all who suffer for their beliefs. Grant them strength and comfort in their darkest hours, inspire all of us to stand strong in the face of adversity.

Reprise the refrain of the theme song: Come unto me

Come, come unto me, (2x)

come, you who are weary, and I will give you rest.

Come, come unto me, (2x)

Come, you who are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Woman 3

BLESSING'S STORY: The Burdens of Poverty and Despair

My name is Blessing, and I've lived in Lagos all my life. I've witnessed Nigeria change over the years, but not in the way we hoped. We dreamed of progress and a better life for our children, yet we have watched our nation slide deeper into poverty and despair.

Every day, I see the toll this takes on our minds and spirits. It feels like we are trapped in a cycle of disappointment. We've been let down so many times that even when good things come our way, we hesitate to believe in them. The government seems focused on itself, neglecting the needs of the people. Salaries for most are insufficient, while a select few amass fortunes. A bag of rice, a staple food, has become a luxury for many families. Our young people, full of potential, struggle to find work, leading some to despair, while others turn to crime or even suicide.

This vicious cycle of poverty affects our mental health, making it harder to escape. We are a nation rich in resources but poor in leadership and hope.

Yet, amidst this despair, I see glimmers of light. My neighbour, Grace, lost her job and husband in the same year. Instead of giving up, she started a small business selling homemade soap. It may not be much, but it keeps food on her table and her children in school.

Grace often tells me, "Blessing, we are not just coping; we are living by faith." Her words remind me of the Bible: "Those who are cast down will be lifted up." We keep moving, believing that one day the storm will pass.

This is my testimony: even in our struggles, we see evidence of God's faithfulness; we may be burdened, but we are not broken; we continue to work, hope, and pray for the Nigeria we know is possible.

PRAYER

Leader 3

Let us pray together:

Holy God, Giver of life and Sustainer of all, we give you thanks and praise for the persistence of Blessing, and all who keep moving forward despite even the most difficult circumstances. Continue to strengthen and comfort all who are weary from the burdens of life.

Reprise the refrain of the theme song: Come unto me

Come, come unto me, (2x)

come, you who are weary, and I will give you rest.

Come, come unto me, (2x)

Come, you who are burdened, and I will give you rest.

HYMN: *The King of Love my Shepherd is* (Dominus regit me 8.8 8.7)

The King of love my shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home, rejoicing, brought me

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Thou spreadst a table in my sight
Thine unction grace bestoweth
And, oh, what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever

Leader 1

CALL TO ACTION

As we have journeyed through this service, we have become informed about the burdens carried by our sisters in Nigeria and around the world. We have prayed together, bringing these concerns before God, our great Burden Bearer.

Now, we come to a moment that calls us into prayerful action. The motto of World Day of Prayer is *Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action*, reminding us that our prayers should lead us to action for the transformation of the world.

Let us respond to this call together, affirming our commitment to be Christ's hands and feet in a world longing for hope and rest.

Leader: Where do we find our hope in a burdened world?

All: In Christ, who bears all of our burdens.

Leader: How do we respond to overwhelming situations?

All: We remain resilient, believing that the storm will pass.

Leader: Where do we place our trust in uncertain times?

All: In God, the Giver of life and Sustainer of all.

Leader: What should we do when those around us are weary and heavy laden?

All: Bear one another's burdens, as Christ bears ours.

Leader: As we go forth, what is our call to action?

All: To live out our informed prayers through prayerful action.

Leader: May we go forth with the strength of Christ.

All: We go with faith, hope, and love, to be light in the world.

REFLECTION/MEDITATION (Optional)

Leader 2

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Most powerful God, we have seen your hand move before. You parted the Red Sea for your people. Now, part the sea of injustice that drowns so many around the world. Speak to the hearts of leaders everywhere, that they may govern with fairness and compassion. Move the hearts of communities to change their attitudes and actions towards all who are marginalised.

All: Hear our prayer

Loving Jesus, you welcomed the oppressed and lifted up the downtrodden. Do the same for all who suffer today under oppressive systems. Give us strength to keep trusting you, even when the burdens seem too heavy to bear.

All: Hear our prayer

God of justice, we confess the sins that tear at the fabric of our society; the intolerance that breeds fear, the hatred that fuels violence, and the indifference that allows injustice to persist. Break every chain that binds us and separates us from our neighbours.

All: Hear our prayer

We cry out against the extremism that spreads fear and violence. Touch the hearts of those involved showing them the value of human life and the path to peace. Comfort those, like Jato, who live with the fear of losing loved ones. Change the hearts of the perpetrators, guiding them towards reconciliation.

All: Hear our prayer

God, you know the poverty plaguing many lands. Children go to bed hungry. Families struggle to meet basic needs. Open the doors of opportunity and soften the hearts of those who can help.

All: Hear our prayer

We lift up all who live with mental health challenges, often exacerbated by poverty, stress, and the difficulties of daily life. When economic conditions worsen and the value of money diminishes, we see more of our sisters and brothers falling into despair. Comfort those contemplating suicide and show them that their lives have immeasurable value in your eyes.

All: Hear our prayer

We pray for families and communities struggling to cope with the pressures of life. When stress and hardship make it difficult to support one another, remind us of your endless patience and love. Help us to extend that same grace to those around us.

All: Hear our prayer

Leader 3

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Let us continue by saying the Lord's Prayer (*if any church has someone from Nigeria attending perhaps he/she/they could say this in Igbo or Yoruba – we could then all say the prayer in our usual format, English or in our own language?*)

Nna Anyi no ne elu igwe,
Otito diri Aha Gi.
Ka ochichi Gi bia.
Ka emee uche Gi na uwa.
Etu esieme ya na elu igwe.
Nye anyi nri taa.
Nri nke ubochi anyi.
Gbaghara anyi mmehie anyi etu anyi si gbaghara ndi mehere anyi.
Etinyekwaala anyi na ihe onwunwo.
Ma zoputa anyi na ajo ihe.
Amen. (*This is Igbo*)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts
As we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

Leader 3

OFFERTORY

We continue now with a time of giving our financial offerings. Offering time is a blessed time! In Nigerian churches, it's customary for people to dance their offerings forward, expressing joy in giving and celebrating God's provision. This act of dancing reminds us that giving is not a burden, but a joyful response to God's grace. As we give today, let us bring our offerings with that same spirit of joy and thanksgiving.

Your generous gifts will support the ministry of World Day of Prayer and help address some of the burdens we've prayed about today. Whether you dance, walk, or remain seated as you give, let your offering be a symbol of your commitment to lightening the loads of others. May our gifts, like our prayers, be a tangible expression of God's love in the world.

**OFFERTORY SONG – When I needed a Neighbour (Irregular) (Alternative hymn
Thy Hand O Lord has guided 7.6, 7.6, 767)**

When I needed a neighbour were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbour were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

When I needed a shelter were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

When I needed a healer were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer were you there?
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
Were you there?

Wherever you travel, I'll be there, I'll be there,
Wherever you travel, I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there.
And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,
I'll be there. *(Words and music by Sydney Carter).*

CLOSING WORDS

Leader 1:

Throughout this service we have been reminded of God's tender care for each of us. God sees our burdens - the weight of oppression, the pain of loss, the struggles with poverty and mental health. Through the stories we've heard, we've witnessed how God works in our lives, offering strength and hope even in the most difficult times.

Leader 2:

Today, we've seen God's hand at work in the lives of our Nigerian sisters. Through the community surrounding Beatrice, our widowed sister, God demonstrated how love can overcome systemic oppression. In Jato's story, we saw how God's strength sustains faith even in the face of persecution, challenging us all to be instruments of peace and understanding. And through Blessing's testimony, God revealed how hope and resilience can flourish even amidst poverty and despair.

Leader 3:

As we leave this place, let us remember that God invites us to be co-workers in lifting each other's burdens. God calls us to prayerful action - to be the friends who remind others of their worth, the community that supports the vulnerable, the voices that speak for the persecuted, and the hands that offer hope to the struggling. Let us collaborate with God in bringing comfort and justice to our world. As the body of Christ, we are empowered by Jesus' promise: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." This assurance not only gives us peace but also propels us to action. May we go forth as living extensions of Christ, bringing God's rest and relief to all we encounter. In this way, we not only find our own rest in God but become channels of that divine rest for others.

THEME SONG: Come Unto Me

Are you down and feeling lonely,
are you weary and oppressed,
you don't have to be discouraged,
Jesus says "Come unto me."

Refrain:

*Come, come unto me, (2x)
come, you who are weary, and I will give you rest.
Come, come unto me, (2x)
Come, you who are burdened, and I will give you rest.*

Tell your brother and your sister that the Saviour is a friend.
He offers you his shoulder, lean on him and you'll find rest.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER (Optional)

Pass a large lit candle from the table to a representative of next year's host church and say the following prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the World Day of Prayer which is taking place throughout the world today and has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria.

Many Christians gather together to praise you and we thank the Priest/

Minister/Pastor and the people offor hosting this world-wide service in Scotland. With joy we pass this candle to

.....who represents

.....who will host next year's service, prepared by the women of the International Committee – United in Prayer for Justice and Peace

HYMN: The Day You Gave us Lord

The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at your behest;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank you that your church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
your children neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
your wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord: your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all your creatures own your sway.

BLESSING (*the congregation may bless one another by saying/singing as follows:*)

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace

Tune Irregular Church Hymnary 4 (CH4) 796 (Numbers 6:24)

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Donations made in 2025

Scottish Bible Society	£ 12,000
Cook Island Charities	£ 15,000
International and European work of WDP	£ 1,000 each

For a full set of accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024, please contact the Treasurer, **Suzanne Foster**, or view on WDP (www.wdpScotland.org.uk) or OSCR (www.oscr.org.uk).

Plans for this year's funds

The principal aims of the WDP Scottish Committee are to promote the annual WDP service by producing and distributing materials; and to support societies giving physical or spiritual help to people in the writing country. By keeping our costs as low as possible, we can maximise the amount given.

If you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid your donation. You can get a declaration form from your service organiser or from the website.

Please give generously!

Offerings must be paid into a bank, with the bank giro slip provided, by bank transfer, to these Bank Details: Bank Name Royal Bank of Scotland: Sort Code: 83-20-06: Account Number: 18873111: or by cheque (**payable to WDP Scottish Committee**) and sent to the WDP Treasurer, **Suzanne Foster**, by the end of April 2026 if at all possible.

There may be circumstances when the uplifting of an offering is not appropriate (some hospitals, residential homes or schools), but donations to cover the cost of materials are always welcome and can be sent at any time. Should a service be cancelled, a retiring collection uplifted in a church, or donations, would be most acceptable.

**The Committee would like to thank the many volunteers
up and down the country who help to organise and take part in services.**

Your contributions cannot be measured. Thank you!

World Day of Prayer Movement

In 1910 more than 400 women met for the World Mission Conference (Edinburgh) bringing their experience and wisdom developed through years of ecumenical partnership in many countries. WDP was born. Today World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical prayer movement bringing together millions every year from over 100 countries to pray, worship and learn.

Through World Day of Prayer, people are encouraged:

- to become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation
- to be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures
- to take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them
- to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society
- to affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world

Scottish Committee Mission Statement

As representatives of the churches in Scotland, and members of a world-wide movement of Christian women, we work to promote prayerful living and worship for men, women and children, and to raise awareness of the lives and concerns of others throughout the world, especially those who write the service.

We encourage ecumenical planning for World Day of Prayer services, facilitating them by preparing material supportive of the annual international theme and country. We generate resources in support of Christian literature distribution and projects giving practical help to people in the writing country.

More information can be found on our website www.wdpscotland.org.uk and on our facebook page 'World Day of Prayer Scotland'.

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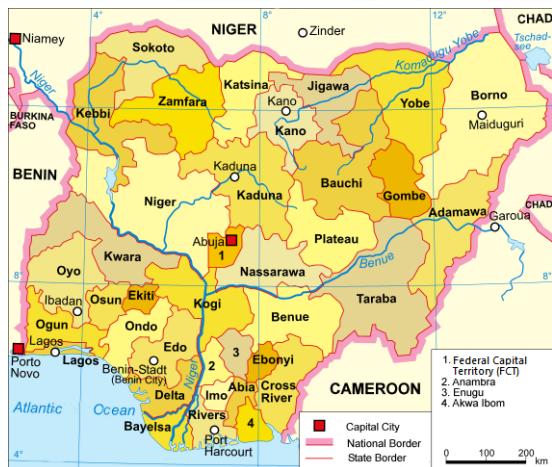
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Friday 5th March 2027

Service written by WDP International Committee

"United in Prayer for Justice and Peace!"

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