



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

PRAYER DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2022-AUGUST 2023

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ENGLAND, WALES & NORTHERN IRELAND

MISSION STATEMENT

As representatives of the churches in England, Wales & Northern Ireland, and members of a world-wide, women-led, ecumenical prayer movement, we work to promote *'informed prayer, prayerful action'* through the production of materials to support the annual international prayer service.

We encourage women to plan ecumenically for the World Day of Prayer, promoting prayerful living and worship for men, women and young people and helping raise awareness of the lives and concerns of others throughout the world, especially those who write the service. Through these activities we support Christian charities which provide practical help for people in need.

On the First Friday in March every year a service is held where a chosen country produces materials for the world to worship. As the materials are written the World Day of Prayer motto

INFORMED PRAYER, PRAYERFUL ACTION

is set in motion. World Day of Prayer is a prayer movement, not for just one day a year but throughout the year. World Day of Prayer, a worldwide, women-led, ecumenical Prayer Movement.

Please use this monthly prayer diary to help you focus on the prayer needs of the Movement and add your local needs in the space provided each week.

SEPTEMBER

'The opportunity to unite in praise with the whole world and contribute to a huge wave of prayer is one of the reasons being part of this movement is so special.'
WDP England, Wales & N Ireland

At the start of this diary year please remember in your prayers all the charities who have received grants from WDP. Check the WDP website for information on the charities helped and on the charity of the month.

Wk1: Distribution of new materials to all branches begins.

Pray for the people packing the parcels and for the post people and couriers delivering them. Pray for the safe arrival of the materials.

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Wk2: The Preparation Days begin.

Pray for safe journeys to the events and that the information given on the days is useful in the preparation of the service. Pray also for the organisers of the day and for the National Committee members attending.

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Wk3: Finance and National Committee meetings take place this week.

As the committee members travel from around England, Wales & N Ireland pray for safe journeys.

Pray for wisdom for the Finance sub-Committee as they discuss the grant applications received and how to distribute the money available. Pray for unity in decisions made; for the charities helped; and also, for those applications which were not successful, pray that they may receive their needs from other sources.

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Wk4: WDP Office

Pray for the new office staff as they continue to learn more about WDP and their roles; for them as they continue to pack and send out stock and preparation day parcels; pray for the Administrator as she prepares the minutes from the meetings and sends out the good news to the grant recipients.

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OCTOBER

'Jesus teaches us that we are the catalysts of our own journey and cannot expect our circumstances to change without action.' WDP Brazil

Wk1: Grant recipients past and present

Continue to pray for all the charities that WDP has helped over the years. May they be blessed in all that they do showing Christian love throughout the world.

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Wk2: WDP International Executive Committee

Pray for the WDP International Executive Committee made up of representatives from seven different areas of the world. Pray that these volunteers continue to grow in their role on the Executive Committee and enjoy fellowship with their fellow members around the world.

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Wk3: WDP Branches

As materials are received around the country pray for the meetings that are being held to discuss the new materials. Pray for the Branch Secretaries as they arrange these meetings and pray for the local committee members as they begin to learn about the next Day of Prayer.

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Wk4: WDP Residential Preparations

Pray for the National Committee as they receive the materials which will be worked on at the residential meeting in November. Pray as they read and digest the information that ideas will be forthcoming.

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NOVEMBER

'We make the space to listen to what our sisters in Christ have to say and respond with our prayers of solidarity.' WDP Kiribati

Remember to pray for the charity of the month highlighted on the WDP website.

Wk1: Preparation Days

As the preparation days are in full swing continue to pray for the organisers of the events. Pray for good fellowship as local committees meet together to learn more about the next Day of Prayer.

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Wk2: WDP Taiwan

Pray for the World Day of Prayer Committee in Taiwan as the world begins to look at their service. Pray that they start to feel the wave of prayer coming their way leading up to the Day of Prayer 2023.

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Wk3: WDP National Committee England, Wales & Northern Ireland Residential Meeting

As the National Committee meet for this week-long residential pray for their safe travel to King’s Park Conference Centre, Northampton. Pray for good fellowship, understanding and unity as meetings are held and work is started on the materials for the 2024 service.

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Wk4: WDP Welsh Committee

Pray for the WDP Welsh Committee and their preparations for the service in Welsh. Pray that the Welsh speaking preparation days are successful. Pray for safe travel to the days and for blessed fellowship during their time together.

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Wk5: WDP International Executive Committee Chairperson

Pray for the new Chairperson as she settles into her job leading the Executive Committee and helping the countries that are preparing the service in the future.

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DECEMBER

'Prayer and action are what link us together around the world. Giving and sharing are acts of hope which can heal a suffering world.' WDP Thailand

Add the charity of the month highlighted on the WDP website to your prayers.

Wk1: Palestine materials

Pray for the National Committee members as they consider the first drafts of materials for 2024.

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Wk2: World Day of Prayer European Representatives

Pray for European Representatives on the International Committee. Pray that they settle into their new positions well and for friendships and fellowship to develop as they make contact with WDP Committees around Europe.

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Wk3: World Day of Prayer Members

Pray for our World Day of Prayer sisters around the world as they prepare for their nativity celebrations. Pray especially for those who are in countries where Christians cannot openly worship. Pray for peace and understanding.

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Wk4: Christmas

Pray for all volunteers and charities particularly at this time of year who are helping where people are desperate for what foodbanks have to offer; where homeless shelters are over-flowing; and where people are giving up their time to serve Christmas dinner to those people on their own or in need.

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JANUARY

‘Prayer and action are powerful tools of change that will lead to a society that accepts and loves all of God’s children.’ WDP Croatia

Check the website for the Charity of the Month and add them to your prayers.

Wk1: New year, new commitments

Pray for new beginnings, new friendships, and new fellowship. Pray also that the goodwill shown in past weeks can continue; that those helped will continue to be helped; and pray that the busy people can find the time to rest.

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Wk2: Meeting Rooms, London

Pray for the buildings that the National Committee will be using for their meetings throughout the year. Pray for those who provide the refreshments, including lunch, and for all those who work in the buildings.

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Wk3: National Committee Meetings

Pray for safe travel for the National Committee members as they attend the meetings in London. Pray especially for the Publications meeting as the printing of the Palestine materials is discussed.

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Wk4: WDP Albania

This week we pray for Merita Meko and the ladies of Albania as they prepare for their workshop looking at the materials for the Taiwan service. We pray for their safety, their freedom to worship and for good fellowship.

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Wk5: WDP materials for the next Day of Prayer

As the drafts are updated and circulated pray that all comes together well and that photos are chosen and appropriate verses are found for the cards.

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FEBRUARY

'God loves us all and implores us to live transformed lives.' WDP Panama

Remember to pray for the charity of the month highlighted on the WDP website.

Wk1: 2023 Service Preparations

Pray for the branches as they carry on preparing for the service in March. Pray that meetings go well, that Bible studies are fruitful and for the musicians practicing the music.

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Wk2: Preparation Days

As the last of the WDP preparation days takes place give thanks for all those who volunteer to present these days around England, Wales & Northern Ireland.

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Wk3: Executive Director World Day of Prayer

Pray for Executive Director and her Assistant from the International Office in New York as they see their hard work come together for the Day of Prayer. Give thanks for all they do in distributing the materials around the world and give thanks for their dedication to the World Day of Prayer Movement.

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Wk4: Preparations for the World Day of Prayer

Pray that last minute preparations for the Day of Prayer go well.

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MARCH

'The healing power of Christ can transform our lives. The theme strengthened our faith, revealing that, with God, all things are possible.' WDP Ghana

Check the website for the Charity of the Month and add them to your prayers.

Wk1: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Pray for all the services happening around the world.

Pray for the weather; pray for the venue; pray for all those attending this special day; pray for friendship and fellowship; and pray for the people of Taiwan to feel the wave of prayer washing over them.

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Wk2: After the Day of Prayer

Pray for those dealing with the offering and Gift Aid envelopes from the Day of Prayer. Pray for continuing friendships made at the Day of Prayer and pray for continued fellowship within all denominations.

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Wk3: National Committee

Pray for the National Committee as they attend the meetings in London. Pray for safe travel and unity in decisions made. Pray for positive reports from Day of Prayer services attended.

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Wk4: WDP Office

Pray for the staff in the WDP Office, Tunbridge Wells as they receive and deal with the returns from the Day of Prayer. Pray for the postmen that deliver the sacks of post and pray for the safety of the office at this busy time.

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APRIL

'Being united in prayer shows oneness in Christ and it is what makes WDP so special.' WDP Singapore.

Add the charity of the month highlighted on the WDP website to your prayers.

Wk1: Taiwan

Thank God that the voices of the Christian women of Taiwan have been heard around the world. Continue to pray for the Taiwanese people and for their environment and social issues raised in the service.

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Wk2: Together in Prayer

Pray for the editor of the WDP magazine and the 2024 edition. Pray for the articles that are being written; the reports from the 2023 service; the reports from around the world; the background information and the prayer resource.

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Wk3: Y-Pray? Conference

Pray for the organising committee as they finalise the arrangements for the Y-Pray? Conference weekend, 28 – 30 April.

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Wk4: WDP Finance Meeting

As the WDP Finance sub-Committee meets with the Accountant to finalise the 2022 accounts, pray for those travelling to the meeting. Pray also for the Administrator as she presents her accounts to the meeting and for the Accountant as he leads members through the figures.

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MAY

*‘One of the most appealing aspects of the WDP movement is the universality of Christianity.’
WDP Slovenia*

Check the website for the Charity of the Month and remember them in your prayers.

Wk1: Y-PRAY? CONFERENCE

Pray that the Y-Pray? Conference was a blessing to all who attended - delegates, organisers and entertainers. Pray also that all who attended have been enthused for World Day of Prayer and will be welcomed in their local WDP committees.

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Wk2: WDP Trustees

Pray for the Trustees of the World Day of Prayer movement in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Pray for their wisdom and leadership throughout their tenure. Pray for their safety as they travel around the country representing the movement.

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Wk3: WDP Annual General Meeting

Pray for the committee as they meet in London. Pray for constructive discussions and amiable decisions. Pray especially for the election of new Appointed Officers. Pray also for the appointment of new members to the committee.

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Wk4: Day of Prayer Materials

Pray that, as the materials go to press, the printing goes well and the final articles are as they should be.

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Wk5: WDP Scotland

Pray for the World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee. Pray that they have had good feedback from the service this year and that they continue have good fellowship within their meetings.

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JUNE

'In spite of the difficulties we face today there is a feeling of hope and faith for the future.' WDP Sweden

Remember to pray for the charity of the month highlighted on the WDP website.

Wk1: Taiwan

Continue to pray for the people of Taiwan that they may be given the strength and wisdom to cope with an uncertain future and that they will be a blessing in the world.

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Wk2: Palestine materials

Pray for the office as the new materials are delivered.
Pray for the space in the office to house these materials.

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Wk3: WDP Ireland

Pray for our sisters involved with World Day of Prayer National Committee in Ireland. Pray for their continued fellowship and the continued friendship with the National Committees of England, Wales & Northern Ireland and Scotland.

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Wk4: Preparation Day Organisers

As the Fieldwork Co-ordinators finalise the list of preparation days for the next season, pray for the Preparation Day Organisers. Pray that their arrangements for venues and hosts comes together.

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JULY

'WDP is one of the few opportunities that churches get to work and socialise ecumenically.'

WDP Scotland

Check the website for the Charity of the Month and add them to your prayers.

Wk1: WDP Core and Development Grant recipients

Pray for these special charities as WDP seeks to help with long term projects and build relationships with the charities.

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Wk2: Christian Denominations

Pray for all Christian Denominations represented on the National Committee WDP and on the local branch committees. Pray also for those denominations not represented at the moment, that volunteers can be found to fill the gaps.

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Wk3: Link Day

Pray for the meeting of the Preparation Day Organisers as they come together in London to look at the materials for the next Day of Prayer, materials that will be presented at their preparation day. Pray for safe travel and good fellowship. Pray for the guest speakers that they may be clear and informative about Palestine.

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Wk4: WDP Palestine

Pray for the National Committee of Palestine and all those involved in preparing the materials for the 2024 service. As the information begins to be circulated for the 2024 Day of Prayer, may they all feel the prayer and love being sent to them.

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AUGUST

'We must not sit around and wait for help but get up and push ourselves to follow the examples we find in the Bible's stories.' WDP Honduras

Pray for the Charity of the Month as highlighted on the WDP website.

Wk1: Annual Mailing and Order of Service packing

Pray for the people who are packing and sending out the materials for WDP. May they be safe in their work and be interested in what they are packing.

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WK2: Branch Secretaries

Pray for the branch secretaries as they receive their annual mailing envelope. Pray that they share the contents with their committee and look forward to preparing for the new service.

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Wk3: 2023 Grant Allocations

As the National Committee receives information on the grant applications submitted for consideration this year, pray for God’s guidance in their recommendations.

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Wk4: Taiwan and Palestine

Pray for both these areas as we have learnt about Taiwan and move onto Palestine. Continue to hold the people of Taiwan in our prayers and add Palestine.

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Wk5: Overseas Branches

Pray for the branches of WDP England, Wales and Northern Ireland that are overseas. Pray that, as they receive the materials for the next service, they will be able to share them with many people and that those people will enjoy learning more about Palestine.

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