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BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD  
**DAY of PRAYER**  
VICTORIOUS LIFE

A Global Prayer Initiative of **BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE WOMEN**



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**BAPTIST WOMEN**  
TO IMPACT THE WORLD  
**FOR CHRIST**

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## Dear Sisters,

For more than 70 years, sisters in Christ have united in prayer for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. What a legacy to honor and a history to join as we gather once again to pray this year in homes, churches, and communities around the world!

The 2022 theme is "Victorious Life" drawn from the truth of 2 Corinthians 2:14 – "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in the triumph of Christ, and through us reveals the fragrance of the knowledge of him in every place." As you pray this year, imagine the fragrance of our collective prayers being lifted in more than 100 nations! We are confident you will be blessed and encouraged as we gather for the reading of God's Word, hear stories of victory, and seek the Lord in prayer.

In addition, Day of Prayer gives Baptist women an opportunity to give generously in support of the global initiatives of Baptist World Alliance Women and across our seven Continental Unions. These financial gifts continue to make an eternal difference, providing practical help for women in need and equipping Baptist women to impact their world for Christ. Thank you for being a vital part of this event which propels meaningful ministry throughout the entire year!

This guide includes information to help you plan and participate in Day of Prayer, including specific prayer requests from each Continental Union as well as details about this year's ministry projects. You will also find information about three new elements within the Day of Prayer experience.

**Networking:** Through the launch of our virtual platform, you will be able to network with women's ministry leaders around the world, discover how others are celebrating Day of Prayer, and collaborate to further our shared mission.

**Resourcing:** On our new website ([BWAWomen.org](http://BWAWomen.org)), you will find a variety of Day of Prayer resources, including a 40-day prayer calendar.

**Worshipping:** Across our social platforms, we will be hosting our first Global Day of Prayer Worship Service, and you are invited! Make plans to join us online October 15 for a powerful time of prayer and praise to kick off the 2022 Day of Prayer observances.

I look forward to all that God has in store as we build on our incredible history and leverage new tools to expand our future reach together. Thank you again for all you do for the kingdom and our global sisterhood! It is a blessing and an honor to serve with you.



**Standing Together in Prayer,**

*Merritt*

J. Merritt Johnston  
BWA Women Executive Director

## About BWA Women

In 1950, the establishment of a Women's Committee was formally approved by the Baptist World Alliance and heartily endorsed by the 10,000 women from 21 nations in attendance at the Baptist World Congress that year. Through God's faithfulness, the ministry has grown significantly over the years in both scope and depth.



Comprised of seven Continental Unions that encompass more than 175 women's unions and organizations, BWA Women is now a worldwide community of women in over 140 countries impacting the world for Christ. With a vision to see women everywhere thriving and serving, BWA Women facilitates connections for global engagement and develops resources for global impact, including the mobilization of the annual Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. Together we are part of the Baptist World Alliance, a network of 51 million Baptists and 176,000 churches.

Our logo is a reflection of the diversity of Baptist women across the globe, with each union recognized by one of seven colors. Each Continental Union is not a pillar standing alone, but rather a community unified around our shared love for Jesus Christ – represented by the white cord that unites us.

**Core Ministry Areas** | To further God's global mission, we focus on the five key ministry areas outlined below.



### **STRENGTHENING** *Worship, Fellowship & Unity*

Centered in Jesus Christ and rooted in deep spiritual life, we strengthen our worldwide family through ongoing gatherings; pastoral presence; mutual friendships; and the cultivation of worship, fellowship, and unity.



### **LEADING** *Mission & Evangelism*

Compelled by the Great Commission, we lead with a passionate commitment to Gospel witness in every context and people group; foster multidirectional partnerships that connect individuals and churches; and encourage global mission and evangelism.



### **RESPONDING** *through Aid, Relief & Community Development*

Challenged to generously love our neighbor, we respond to people in need; collaborate in times of crisis; network agencies; support sustainability and creation care; build capacity; empower local church engagement; and resource aid, relief, and community development.



### **DEFENDING** *Religious Freedom, Human Rights & Justice*

Committed to a biblical understanding of the image of God in every person, we defend an ethic of life; support religious freedom for all; stand in solidarity with the marginalized; advocate at every level; train and network proactively; and mobilize for religious freedom, human rights, and justice.



### **ADVANCING** *Theological Reflection & Transformational Leadership*

Called to discipleship, we advance multicultural and multilingual training; empower next generation leaders; encourage meaningful dialogue and praxis; and engage in relevant theological reflection and transformational leadership.

# THE SWEET AROMA *of a* VICTORIOUS LIFE

*A Bible Study from BWA Women President Karen Wilson*



***Just recently I celebrated a birthday and my husband asked me what he could purchase for me as a gift.***

The only thing I wanted was a beautiful new fragrance. I don't have an abundance of perfumes, but simply one I wear daily. So we headed out to the store. After what seemed like an endless time spent trying this one and that one, I landed on the one I wanted. It 'smelled just right' and matched exactly what I wanted.

You could be excused for looking at the world around you and thinking that perhaps discussing perfume is a little frivolous. There seems to be so much suffering and pain, so much uncertainty, so many struggles. You are right. All these things are part of our everyday. Yet, regardless of those things, we walk in a victorious life where the true fragrance we are being asked to wear is not purchased over a counter but is that of Jesus Christ. This is an irresistible fragrance that the world is attracted to. It's not fleeting – it doesn't run out over time. It just grows stronger and more beautiful the longer it is present.

The apostle Paul, whilst recognizing the challenges he and the church were facing, said these words: "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in the triumph of Christ, and through us reveals the fragrance of the knowledge of him in every place." (2 Corinthians 2:14)

The fragrance of the knowledge of God revealed. That is something that truly draws others in. The very essence and nature of God is an irresistible scent:

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<i>God is infinite</i>	(Psalm 147:5)
<i>God never changes</i>	(Malachi 3:6)
<i>God is all powerful</i>	(Psalm 33:6)
<i>God is all knowing</i>	(Isaiah 46:9-10)
<i>God is wise</i>	(Romans 11:33)
<i>God is faithful</i>	(2 Timothy 2:13)
<i>God is good</i>	(Psalm 34:8)
<i>God is fair and just</i>	(Deuteronomy 32:4)
<i>God is merciful</i>	(Romans 9:15-16)
<i>God is gracious</i>	(Psalm 145:8)
<i>God is love</i>	(1 John 4:7-8)

The list is endless. The aroma is compelling. Victorious life is indeed found in resting in God and all He is, and as we do that, “everywhere we go, people breathe in the exquisite fragrance. Because of Christ, we give off a sweet scent rising to God, which is recognized by those on the way of salvation – an aroma redolent with life.” 2 Corinthians 2:14b (The Message)

This exquisite fragrance is rich. It is vibrant. It brings life to those who are without life. We are to bring this aroma of Christ to a world in great need of such a fragrance. When we are present, the fragrance is vivid. However, even when we depart, the fragrance still lingers. Then, regardless of the state of our world, the challenges that arise, or the conflicts around us, victory is found in bringing the nature of God – the true knowledge of God – to every situation. God will use us to carry his aroma into every circumstance with every step we take. The sweet aroma of a victorious life.

### *For Discussion or Introspection:*

- What are some ways you have seen the fragrance of God revealed in your life or in the lives of women in your community?
- Which aspect of God’s nature listed on the previous page is the most meaningful to you right now and why?
- How does the knowledge that the Lord is always “leading us in triumph” encourage you in the midst of the challenges you are facing today?
- What steps can you take in the coming weeks to reveal the exquisite fragrance of Christ in your (a) home, (b) church, and (c) community?
- Incorporate a time of gratitude and praise into your prayer time, asking the Spirit to reveal ways you are experiencing victory in your daily life.

## WAYS to CONNECT *this* YEAR



### **Online Platform**

This year we are excited to launch a virtual platform for Day of Prayer! With both web and app access, this resource provides a global networking experience for women around the world to learn how others are celebrating Day of Prayer and connect around our shared calling. Visit [BWAWomen.org/dayofprayer](https://BWAWomen.org/dayofprayer) to sign up.



### **Global Worship Experience**

On October 15, we will host our first Day of Prayer Global Worship Service. Featuring worship, prayer, and ministry updates from our seven continental unions, this virtual event will encourage and inspire as we celebrate how God is at work through women around the world and share how we can make a difference together in the coming year.



### **Local Gatherings**

Whether you are meeting virtually or in-person, with your church family or in a small group, on the first Monday of November or another convenient time, the heartbeat of Day of Prayer is women gathering in communities across the globe to unite in prayer for the world. This year we have created a 40-Day Prayer Calendar that you can utilize leading up to your Day of Prayer event or as an action step after you meet. The calendar and other resources to support your community Day of Prayer experience are available at [BWAWomen.org/dayofprayer](https://BWAWomen.org/dayofprayer).



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# BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER

## GLOBAL MINISTRY PROJECTS



### STRENGTHENING *Worship, Fellowship & Unity*

**GLOBAL:** Through the annual Day of Prayer initiative and other events, we unite women in worship, fellowship, and shared mission – a global sisterhood committed to impact our homes, churches, communities, and the world for Christ.



### LEADING *Mission & Evangelism*

**IRAQ:** *Women's Outreach*

Offer a series of outreach events to build relationships and share Christ with women displaced from Mosul and other parts of the Nineveh Plains region.



### RESPONDING *through Aid, Relief & Community Development*

**CANADA:** *Island Pregnancy Centres*

Provide compassionate care, educational resources, and support for women facing unexpected pregnancies.

**LATIN AMERICA:** *Crisis Hotline*

Expand crisis hotline ministry to every Latin American country to provide help for those experiencing unexpected pregnancies.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:** *Adult Literacy Program*

Equip trainers from each of the nation's four regions to lead literacy classes in their communities with the goal that every Baptist woman is literate in the next five years.

**MYANMAR:** *Community Health Care & Nurse Aid Training*

Offer medical training for young people that enables them to earn a living and serve their communities and churches.



### DEFENDING *Religious Freedom, Human Rights & Justice*

**AZERBAIJAN:** *Hope House*

Provide shelter and support for victims of abuse and human trafficking.

**JAMAICA:** *Safe Shelter*

Provide kitchen equipment at facility caring for vulnerable women between ages 16-28, the first shelter of its kind on the island.



### ADVANCING *Theological Reflection & Transformational Leadership*

**CAMEROON:** *Women's and Girls' Vocational Centre*

Offer skills training and leadership development for girls located in Ndu, a conflict-stricken area where schools have been shut down since 2016. Purchase needed supplies and equipment to facilitate current courses and accommodate increased enrollment.



In addition to these projects, BWA Women stands in prayer for the global refugee crisis. More than 100 million individuals have been forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations – the highest level of displacement on record. With your support, we will continue efforts to provide support and care for the many women and children worldwide who are impacted.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*Together we are impacting lives around the world.*

The Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is a vital part of our global mission. Through this annual observance, Baptist women from every continent stand together in prayer and giving – a network of sisters impacting the world for Christ. Offerings taken on this day support the ministry of BWA Women throughout the year on a continental and global scale, including the ministry projects highlighted in this guide. We give thanks for your generous financial support. Truly every gift makes a difference.

Gifts can be sent directly to your continental union using the instructions below or give securely online at [BWAWomen.org/give](https://BWAWomen.org/give).

## ASIAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION

**Receiving Bank:** Oversea - Chinese Banking Corporation Limited  
**Beneficiary Name:** Lim Sai Mooi / Myint Myint San  
**Account Number:** 687-514216-001  
**SWIFT Code:** OCBCSGSG  
**Bank Code:** 7339  
**Branch Code:** 687  
**Bank Address:** 65 Chulia Street | OCBC Centre | Singapore 049513

## BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION OF AFRICA

Contact BWUA for giving instructions.

## BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION OF LATIN AMERICA

**Banco Receptor:** Banco Wells Fargo  
**Beneficiario:** UFBAL, Inc  
**Numero de Cuenta:** 1582644942  
**ABA:** 121000248  
**Código SWIFT:** WFBIUS6S  
**Dirección:** 10781 West Flagler Street | Miami, FL 33174  
**Teléfonos:** 305-229-1252

## BAPTIST WOMEN OF NORTH AMERICA

Give online at [bwna.today](https://bwna.today) or mail checks to:  
2413 Main Street, #517 | Miramar, FL 33025  
Canadians can give through your denominational Women's Department.

## BAPTIST WOMEN OF THE PACIFIC

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Lake Street, Cairns, Queensland 4870, Australia  
**Beneficiary Name:** Baptist Women of the Pacific  
**BSB and Account Number:** 034 167 184 644  
**SWIFT Code:** WPACAU2S

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Mandeville, Manchester Jamaica  
**Account Number:** 504351505  
**NCB SWIFT Code/BIC:** JNCBJMKX  
**USA Corresponding Bank:** Bank of New York - Mellon, New York  
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**BIC/SWIFT:** GENODE51BH2

# ASIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION (ABWU)

34 Member Bodies in 18 Countries



PRAY

## ***COVID-19 Pandemic***

Although the pandemic has stabilized in some parts of the world, new strains and variants are appearing in southeast Asia with alarming numbers of people getting infected. Pray for protection, strong immunity, and speedy recovery for all.

## ***Myanmar***

The year-long civil war in Myanmar has displaced millions of people. Thousands have been killed or maimed. Pray for peace, reconciliation, and justice efforts to bring about healing and restoration for the nation and its people.

## ***Sri Lanka***

The people of Sri Lanka are suffering due to political and economic turmoil. Pray for stabilization and recovery as the country goes through the worst crisis in its history.

## ***Natural Disasters Due to Climate Change***

Many countries in Asia face yearly typhoons, flooding, and earthquakes. Pray for protection and support for rebuilding from these devastating disasters.

## ***Women Helping Women***

The Women Helping Women Ministry reaches out to marginalized and vulnerable women and children for humanitarian relief and aid and restoration of life and livelihood. Pray for continued growth and support for this crisis-response initiative impacting lives across Asia.

## **CELEBRATING VICTORIOUS LIFE IN ACTION**

We praise God for giving ABWU the opportunity to conduct a special 3-in-1 event in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in October 2022. Featuring an exciting Young Women's Leadership Conference, a fruitful President Summit, and the celebration of Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, we celebrate having all member countries together in person for the first time in ABWU's history.



# BAPTIST WOMEN OF NORTH AMERICA (BWNA)

16 Member Bodies in 2 Countries



## **Economic Challenges**

Women, especially single mothers, are facing increased economic challenges and are struggling to cover basic needs such as food, shelter, and transportation. Many are falling through the cracks. Pray for improved economic opportunities for women to help them cope with these challenges.

## **Gender-Based Violence**

The COVID-19 pandemic has intensified gender-based violence against women and girls. We thank God for the increased awareness of this problem and pray for the protection of women and girls as well as interventions to address the social norms that condone violence against women.

## **Mental Health**

There are many challenges that are negatively impacting women's mental health at an alarming rate. Pray for improved mental health for women and for accessible, effective, convenient, and affordable mental health support.

## **Women's Health**

As we consider the reversal of Roe vs. Wade in the United States, we pause to recognize there are many girls and women who have limited access to quality medical care, pregnancy support, educational resources, and legal justice. Pray for increased penalties for rape and incest, greater advocacy for women's reproductive health including practical steps to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates, and broader engagement from the faith community to respond to those in need.

## **Racial Justice**

Both the United States and Canada have long histories of systemic racism, even among Christians. Sadly, racial injustice continues to exist across North America. Please pray for the strength and courage to fight against all forms of racism, bigotry, xenophobia, and inequity and for the Church to be a change agent in communities across the region.

## **CELEBRATING VICTORIOUS LIFE IN ACTION**

We are grateful for God's protection, provision, and sustaining power for the current Administrative Team of BWNA. We thank God for the doors that have opened, the connections that have been made, and the accomplishments of this team. We are also excited for the next group of leaders that will take Baptist Women of North America to new heights, as they continue "to empower women to live out Kingdom life, especially in the areas that help the vulnerable."

# BAPTIST WOMEN OF THE PACIFIC (BWP)

7 Member Bodies in 7 Countries



## PRAY

### **Domestic Violence**

UN Women estimates up to 68% of women in parts of the Pacific experience domestic and family violence. Please pray for the safety and security of victims. Pray for perpetrators to

come to repentance. Pray the legal system will effectively enforce domestic violence laws. Pray the local church would rise up as a voice against domestic violence.

### **Climate Change**

Pacific islands are extremely vulnerable to climate change. The impact of climate change includes loss of coastal land, cyclones and droughts, failure of crops, and the loss of coral reefs and fish. Please pray we would care well for the earth God gave us. Pray that political leaders would make brave changes to help heal the planet. Pray for those in the Pacific whose lives are impacted by this sad change.

### **Reconciliation**

Please pray for the reconciliation of indigenous people in Australia and New Zealand. These indigenous people suffer generational trauma and long-standing indignities. They are much more likely to suffer acute health problems, be victims of violence, and be imprisoned. Pray the Church would take the lead in this reconciliation.

### **Security**

Pray for regional security in the Pacific. There is a worrying tension between Australia and China. There is concern over a military presence in the region affecting trade and national security.

### **Peace**

Pray for ethical political leadership in the Pacific that rejects corruption and misconduct. Pray for political freedom of expression without violence. Pray leaders would choose righteousness over power and tribalism. Horrific violence and bloodshed marked the elections in Papua New Guinea this year. Pray for a more peaceful governance in the future.

## CELEBRATING VICTORIOUS LIFE IN ACTION

We give thanks for the bountiful harvest of food from the BWP “Seeds of Hope” garden projects in Fiji. Women were trained in horticulture and learned to plant food gardens around their homes. This project has had incredible impact with the harvest from the garden providing food for families, churches, and the community. The project has also provided an activity that supports mental health, builds family relationships, and creates evangelistic opportunities.



# BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION OF AFRICA (BWUA)

*Connecting Women Across 37 Countries*

## ***Educational Equity***

The rate of illiteracy among young girls in Africa is high. Pray against gender-based discrimination in schools so that girls will have equal access to educational and vocational opportunities.

## ***Gender-Based Violence***

Pray against genital mutilation and other acts of violence that affect young girls' health. Pray against child marriages, incest, and rape. Pray for resources to support victims as they face the physical, emotional, and mental impacts of violence-based trauma.

## ***Peace***

Many areas across the region continue to face political and economic unrest. Pray for a peaceful electoral process as many countries across Africa host elections. Pray for political stability so that countries experience economic growth and sustainability. Pray for righteous leaders in government to stand up against corruption. Pray against terrorism and armed groups that threaten peace.

## ***Mission and Evangelism***

Pray for women to have a passionate commitment to mission and evangelism. Pray for opportunities to reach out to the lost and bring back those who have lost their focus on God.

## ***Continental Union Leadership***

Pray that the gift of giving shall be the portion of women so that they uplift the work of the Kingdom across Africa. We also pray specifically for the Lord's grace, wisdom, and protection for the new continental union leaders as they begin their five-year terms of service.

## **CELEBRATING VICTORIOUS LIFE IN ACTION**

We praise God for the opportunity to gather August 14-17 at the Ricks Institute in Liberia for the 14<sup>th</sup> BWUA Continental Conference. Offered every five years, it is always encouraging to see Baptist women from across the continent celebrate both our diversity and unity through this special time of prayer, fellowship, worship, and training.

# BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION OF LATIN AMERICA (UFBAL)

25 Member Bodies in 21 Countries



## **Challenges**

Many are suffering across the continent due to societal challenges such as political and economic corruption, human trafficking, and poverty. Pray for our women as they seek to be voices in the public square and advocate for those in need.

## **Missionary Call**

We have gathered the necessary resources to support a Latin American missionary to work with women in India. Pray that God will raise up a woman to answer this call and grant our leaders discernment in the selection process.

## **Crisis Pregnancy Ministry**

Our communication center in Argentina fields hundreds of calls from women facing unexpected pregnancies and connects them with local support resources. Pray for the resources to establish similar centers in every Latin American country.

## **Indigenous Communities**

Pray for opportunities to build relationships and share the hope of the Gospel with indigenous women and children.

## **Continental Union Leadership**

Pray for the selection of continental union leadership for the next quinquennium and for the Lord's wisdom and provision as they develop their strategic goals.



*Supporting Community Vegetable Gardens*



*Serving Children through PEPES Christian School*



*Sharing the Gospel Along the Amazon*

## **CELEBRATING VICTORIOUS LIFE IN ACTION**

We are currently supporting 37 projects across the continent, including the facilitation of our 24-hour, toll-free crisis hotline for women struggling with an unexpected pregnancy. As a result of this resource, women have received needed support during their pregnancies and 243 healthy children have been welcomed into the world.

# CARIBBEAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION (CBWU)

**17** Member Bodies in **17** Countries



# PRAY

## ***Breaking the Cycle of Violence***

Domestic violence against women and children is rising. Pray for women who are victims of psychological, verbal, physical, and sexual abuse. Pray for strong marriages where love and respect will be developed and sustained between husbands and wives.

## ***Revival***

Pray that God will send a great revival among the youth of our islands – that they will be saved and live a victorious life in Jesus. Pray that the peace of God remains anchored in us in order to persevere in the faith and the Word of God even in times of storms.

## ***Emerging Leaders & Pastors***

Pray that men and women will accept the call of God upon their lives and offer themselves to be trained as pastors and leaders for kingdom service. Pray that pastors and church leaders will be able to navigate the challenges brought on by COVID-19. Pray for a spiritual renewal of the church post-COVID.

## ***Countries Devastated by Natural Disasters (Haiti/San Andres/St. Vincent)***

The economies of Haiti, San Andres, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines were devastated by natural disasters. Pray for the recovery of health, social, and political systems in these countries. Children's education is also affected with many still unable to access internet service. Pray also for peace and stability in Haiti so the country can return to normalcy.

## ***COVID-19 Pandemic***

Pray for the many people who are still suffering from COVID-related diseases. Lift up those battling lung and heart conditions as well as depression and other mental health challenges brought on by the impact of COVID-19.

## **CELEBRATING VICTORIOUS LIFE IN ACTION**

We give God praise and thanks for allowing CBWU to complete a rebranding of the organization. We now have a new logo, letterhead, and revised Constitution in three languages (English, Spanish, and French). We also give God thanks for the development of a Safe Shelter for women and children in Jamaica, the first of its kind on the island.

# EUROPEAN BAPTIST WOMEN UNITED (EBWU)

*Connecting Women in 50 Countries Across Europe and the Middle East*



## ***The Impact of Political Instability and War***

People are suffering from political instability in countries like Belarus and Lebanon, the devastation of war in Ukraine, and long-term consequences of wars in Iraq, Syria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Russia. The number of displaced people and refugees is increasing with more than 12 million displaced from Ukraine alone. Families are broken. Human trafficking is increasing. People are mourning. Please pray for peace, restoration, and resilience and for opportunities to rise up as people of faith to meet the many needs around us.

## ***Church Engagement***

Because of the pandemic, many Christians transitioned to virtual church services or disconnected completely. Although health conditions have improved, many have not re-engaged with church, especially in Western and Central Europe. Please pray they will reconnect with their congregations and experience the joy of fellowship.

## ***Climate Change***

EBWU countries are seeing the effects of climate change. Temperatures are rising, the number of floods is increasing, and coastlines are receding. Pray that Christians will respond as good stewards of creation and take steps to positively impact our planet.

## ***Domestic Violence***

Domestic violence continues to increase across our region – both outside and inside churches. Pray for a deep change in mindsets and laws, for all those who are leading initiatives to help endangered women and children, and for peace and healing for domestic violence victims.

## ***Central Asia***

Our brothers and sisters in Central Asia have a special place in our hearts, but they face many challenges. Pray for greater religious freedom in the region and the opportunity to build a bridge of support between them and other EBWU countries.

## **CELEBRATING VICTORIOUS LIFE IN ACTION**

We praise God for the opportunity to organize and offer a women's conference on the topic "For Such a Time as This" in Belgrade, Serbia, in October 2022, the first in-person gathering since the beginning of the pandemic. We also give thanks for the faithfulness of women in Ukraine and neighboring countries who have united to cook meals, open homes, and provide care and support for those forced to flee their homes.



# BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE WOMEN (BWA)

*Connecting Women in Over 140 Countries*

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2017-2022: TaNikka Sheppard (BWA), Marthe Nguime Ekollo (BWA) | 2018-2023: Vernetta Myint Myint San (ABWU), Fabienne Seguin (EBWU), Liliana Fernandez (UFBAL)  
2019-2024: Elissa Macpherson (BWP) | 2020-2025: Karen Wilson (BWA), Sherrie Cherdak (BWA), Karlene Edwards-Warrick (CBWU)

### ***Responding to the Refugee Crisis***

Statistics estimate that 40% of the world's refugees are children. Pray for resources to help respond to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of these precious children.

### ***Standing Against Domestic Violence***

An estimated one third of women worldwide have experienced violence by an intimate partner. This is a global issue that requires a global response. BWA Women has launched an online resource hub at [StandAgainstDV.net](http://StandAgainstDV.net), bringing together quality resources to support individuals, congregations, and communities in their stand against domestic violence. Pray for God to utilize this tool to educate, equip, and bring us closer to the eradication of this evil.

### ***UN Commission on the Status of Women***

Pray for the women who will gather for this annual United Nations event in March 2023 to learn, network, and develop actionable steps to further resource our global community.

### ***Global Conference of Baptist Women***

We have already begun planning for this quinquennial event slated for July 2025 in Brisbane, Australia. Pray for the Spirit to give wisdom to our leaders as we plan and to anoint this special time together as a springboard for renewal and revival for women worldwide.

### ***Leadership***

Pray for grace, wisdom, and endurance for our leadership – including BWA Women President Karen Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer Sherrie Cherdak, Executive Director Merritt Johnston, and each of our seven Continental Union Presidents.

Pray for a Titus 2 movement among us so that every generation is united to connect, disciple, and commission leaders in churches, communities, and across continents. Pray for the launch of the BWA Women Leaders Network spearheaded by our President with a vision to see women standing shoulder to shoulder to lead and influence change across the globe.

## CELEBRATING VICTORIOUS LIFE IN ACTION

Working in collaboration with Baptist General Association of Virginia, BWA Women helped launch the first Uptick global leadership cohort with young women from 14 countries. Through the nine-month mentoring process, these young leaders are now equipped to make a significant impact in their communities as well as the global ministry of BWA Women.

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# VICTORIOUS LIFE

**SATURDAY**  
*October 15, 2022*

For more than 70 years, Baptist women around the world have united every November for Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. This year a new tradition is added to the historic event as Baptist World Alliance Women kicks off the 2022 Day of Prayer with an online global worship experience on Saturday, October 15. Choose from one of three worship times listed below.

- > **ASIA & PACIFIC • 12:00 PM AEDT** (*Sydney*)
- > **AFRICA, EUROPE & THE MIDDLE EAST • 12:00 PM CEST** (*Paris*)
- > **CARIBBEAN, LATIN AMERICA & NORTH AMERICA • 12:00 PM EDT** (*Washington, DC*)

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*Join us for a powerful hour of worship and prayer as we share how God is at work around the world, celebrate the diversity of our seven continental unions, and learn how we can partner together for further kingdom impact in the year ahead.*



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