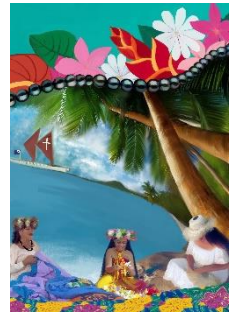




WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 7 MARCH 2025

“I made you wonderfully” Psalm 139:14

Service from The Cook Islands



Important Information – Please note we are closing the ‘xtra’ email account. However, we will continue to monitor this for a limited time and it will then be closed. Our new email address replacing the ‘xtra’ account is – wdpanz24@gmail.com

Greetings from the National Liaison Officer, and Notes for the Worship Leaders

Dear Friends

To all who again, or for the first time, are doing your best to produce a meaningful and helpful worship service for World Day of Prayer – thank you! If you have received the pack but are not going to be involved in leading the service, please send it on to someone who is. Also, please try to contact every church in your area so we can make this a really ecumenical service. Please use the posters and flyers available for publicity in libraries and notice boards in your area. Please remember, although the service is written by women, with women’s stories, men are always welcome. The 2025 service focusing on the Cook Islands, a great chance for us to pray with, and for, as we learn about our near neighbours.

PLANNING FOR 2025

Remember to check the website (www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz) for information and resources. Music is available on the website. The National Committee has suggested music that may be more familiar to groups

The Children’s Programme and activities are available on the World Day of Prayer website. You may like to take a copy of this to your local Primary School or Sunday School.

2024 was the first year the committee reduced the number of service booklets printed as well as the number of booklets sent to each group. This was to reduce administration costs. We may have a very small number of copies of the service booklet available. Any requests for these should be directed to this email address – worlddayofprayer@methodist.org.nz However, please remember that all material is able to be downloaded from the website (www.worlddayofprayer.co.nz)

The National Committee is holding a workshop in Christchurch on Saturday January 25 2025, commencing at 10am – Venue: Chapel Street Centre Christchurch North Methodist Parish Cnr Harewood Road and Chapel Street – this will be live streamed. The link will be available on our website – or email worlddayofprayer@methodist.org.nz You may like to find out if there is a local Training Day/WDP Workshop in your area, or if not, you may wish to run one yourself! These times of fellowship and learning are invaluable.

Reminder: Please fill in and return the **yellow report and remittance forms** which are enclosed in the pack sent to your group, as soon as possible after the service, with as much feedback as possible. We would be especially interested in any ideas that work to encourage people to attend. **Also any photographs would be appreciated.**

✞ Please pray for those leading the service, for the congregation and your community, as well as for the people of the writer countries.

God Bless you all

Zella McGirr
National Liaison Officer, World Day of Prayer Aotearoa New Zealand

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