

Baptist World Alliance Women's Department and the BWA

Please *pray* for the leadership of BWA Women: Ksenija Magda, President; Kathy James, Secretary Treasurer; Moreen Sharp, Interim Executive Director; and the Continental



Union Presidents. Our purpose is connecting Baptist Women globally. *Pray* that we will always have wisdom as to the best ways to accomplish this!

Pray for guidance in priorities and balance in the lives of our president and secretary treasurer as they both work full time as well as carry the load of their BWA Women positions.

Pray for good health and good interactions for Ksenija Magda and Moreen Sharp as they travel to various countries in order to connect Baptist women.

Pray as the Search Committee works on the search process for new executive leaders.

Pray for BWA Women's Global Leadership Conference planned for Rio de Janeiro

in 2020, as preparations continue and decisions are made. Wisdom is needed! In particular *pray* that we can meet the goal of bringing together 2000 Baptist Women.

Pray for the success of the BWA Celebration 2020 which will follow after our conference in Rio.

Pray for wisdom, guidance and strength for the President of BWA Paul Msiza, and the General Secretary Elijah Brown



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ARISE SHINE



...through Prayer



2018 Day of Prayer Prayer Guide

South West Pacific

PRAISE for the dedication of the women in our churches as they show Christ's love in their communities

Pray for the challenge of violence towards women and children. This often results from the drug culture, unemployment, and growing intergenerational dependence on welfare.

Pray for our women as they respond to weather related challenges; earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones and rising sea levels as they carry the burden of extra responsibilities. Ask the Lord for continuing strength as they meet the needs of the vulnerable in the continuing after effects of these disasters.

Pray for the Baptist women of the region, especially in Australia and New Zealand, to reconnect with the global concerns of women through the Day of Prayer.

Pray for the Governments of the Pacific that they will be stable and work in unity for the development of their peoples.

As we work towards our CU meetings in 2019 in Fiji, pray for women in Baptist Unions who are seeking membership in BWUSWP.



North America

1. Pray for the Administrative Team and Executive Board of BWNA that they may receive God's vision, wisdom and discernment as they lead.
2. Pray for those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged, marginalized and abused in our society, and that God would strengthen and protect those who minister to them.
3. Pray that we would demonstrate how to be clothed with the compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience of Christ in our lives.
4. Pray that our eyes will be open to the injustices that surround us and rise up to give a voice to the voiceless.
5. Pray for a spirit of benevolence towards those affected by wildfires, floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters.
6. Pray for governments at all levels and those in authority over us that God would give them wisdom to use their power wisely.



Latin America

1. Pray that God will powerfully use the new Executive Committee of the Baptist Women of Latin America, UFBAL, so they can continue working with the same commitment in the growth of the Latin America Baptist Woman and the Hispanic Women Associations of Texas and New York-New Jersey.
2. Pray that in each country the local Women's Unions will rise up and through the work they undertake, will support and strengthen the missionary work and evangelism in their local churches.
3. Pray that the Lord will raise up young women to undertake projects, so the light and love of Christ would be a powerful experience in the lives of those who are involved.
4. We pray to the Lord that the offering of this day be delivered with love and detachment, and be used to bless and restore many lives.



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Europe

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Word of God, which will encourage us to love one another and to love the strangers, building up trust, faith and hope among neighbours, among the nations and even among the believers.

2. Pray for the new EBW Committee, which stood up in September 2018. Pray that the committee members always seek the source, Jesus Christ, to make the right decisions and set the right goals for their ministry, for their work among the European Baptist Women.
3. Europe faces social and moral challenges. Pray for the families—firstly to make it clear that marriage is between one man and one woman. Pray that couples will take responsibility for their offspring. Pray that the Europeans say 'NO' to child abuse and human trafficking.
4. Pray for the people who become trapped in any kind of addiction (depression, drugs, alcohol, sex etc.). Let us pray for the families who are open to welcome foster children, who are left by their biological parents because of their addiction or because of searching for a job in different countries, leaving children behind. All the economic and spiritual struggles cause strong uncontrolled emotions. Pray for peace in such families where painfully the domestic violence is destroying lives in many relationships.
5. Pray for a better social network all around Europe, either among the Christians or generally in the state, as many lose their jobs. They easily can slip down to the bottom of society and cannot get up, or jobs are hard to get because of age. Or their profession is out-of-date and it is hard for them to catch up to the present job market's needs.
6. Let us pray for good Christian entertainment options especially for the youth, because computer games on which they spend long hours or the movies are full of violence, occultism, uncontrolled pornography and false gender messages which all damage the young people's healthy spiritual growth. They can even cause functional illiteracy which blocks the correct understanding of written literature, including the Bible, and block clear communication deepening the gap between the generations.



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Caribbean

Pray that sexual abuse of our nation's children be stopped, especially in Grenada, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and other Islands affected.

Pray for unity among all Baptist Churches in Barbados and Guyana.

Pray about violence in San Andres, Jamaica and other Islands.

Pray for the Caribbean Islands devastated by hurricanes especially Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands, Barbuda, Dominica. Also for those who had severe flood rains like Montego Bay, Jamaica. Pray for restoration of homes, churches, schools and other infrastructures that the people of these Islands can return to a measure of normalcy as quickly as possible.

Pray that the Lord will use our churches in the fight against crime to reach young people who are caught in a web of violence, as well as physical and substance abuses which negatively impact their lives. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a mighty way to rescue them and restore a sense of love and wellbeing in our Islands.

Pray for stronger commitment and dedication of older women in our churches to mentoring the younger women to better prepare them for ministry in the church, godly management of homes and encouragement to serve in their communities.

Pray for our political leaders who need to pass laws and policies to navigate our Islands through the economic conditions affecting these Islands. We pray that these policies and laws will benefit all the citizens of our Islands.

Pray that the unemployment situation affecting the Islands of the Caribbean be addressed so that families can better meet their needs.

Pray that the chronic lifestyle diseases affecting especially the women of the Islands be given serious attention.



Africa

Thank God for the Executive Committee. Ask God to give them sustained vision, faithfulness, strength and health to carry out the work He has called each of them to do.

Pray that Baptist women will experience the forgiveness of God as they forgive one another. May the Lord touch their hearts so that they will be transformation agents in order to impact the world for Christ.

Pray for peace in Africa. Pray for divine protection against insecurity, terrorism, political unrest and war that affect many countries.

Pray for economic growth in Africa. May God grant African Governments wisdom to generate jobs so that Africans can be gainfully employed. This will help to raise self-confidence and self-esteem which will prevent young people from migration, and will produce stable communities.

Pray for Christian women in Leadership as they will reach out to the younger generation and unsaved through mentoring relationships and training.

Pray for all African Baptist Fellowship (AABF) Leadership as they seek God's wisdom in leading the Baptist family in Africa.



Asia

Pray for a common vision and harmonious working relationship among the newly elected officers of ABWU guided by its newly amended Constitution.

Pray for the promotion of the observance of the Day of Prayer that more women and women's groups will come to be involved. Pray that the women may see this as one of the ways of their involvement in supporting world missions and be challenged to give more support.

Pray for ways to involve more young women in the programs of ABWU which will help them to know more about this women's organization and offer them leadership training opportunities.

Pray for partnerships among the member bodies to strengthen and encourage one another in ministry.

Pray for the growth of the member bodies of ABWU especially in Vietnam, Cambodia and Bhutan.

Pray for membership expansion to countries that are not yet connected with ABWU and for members to stay connected with the ABWU Family.



Europe

1. The European Baptist Women recently held their conference with the topic "Love One Another" (John 15). This continent includes many different nations with different cultures. It endures hardships in practicing and showing acceptance, tolerance and fellowship, especially now as we are faced with the question of migration. To love one another challenges us particularly when Europe has denied the basic cultural foundation, Christianity. Pray for revival for Europe and a return to adherence to the



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