



## Planning Your Day of Prayer Experience



This event can be very simple, held over coffee with a few friends or as elaborate, large and fun as you would like to make it! It could be held for an hour or two, for a day or even included as a weekend retreat. We encourage you to be creative, meeting the needs of your particular group. The main thing is that we are gathering together to pray in solidarity with our Baptist sisters around the globe!

If you would like a simple event, you can use as much or as little of the program as you would like to use. For a more formal and elaborate event, here are some steps to take in preparation:

### **Pray**

Prayer is the foundation of the Day of Prayer experience. Begin to pray well in advance of Monday, November 5, 2018, the date set aside for this Day of Prayer.

### **3 months before:**

Have the planning team in place

Assign tasks to the various members of the planning team

- Program contents
- Promotions
- Décor
- Food
- Setup and cleanup
- All in prayer for the event as it is planned and unfolds

Determine the format for your community's Day of Prayer experience. See "Creative Ways to Enhance Your Day of Prayer Experience" as you plan (Found at [www.bwawd.org/extra-resources](http://www.bwawd.org/extra-resources))

- Date: will it be held on the day set aside (Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>) or does a different date suit your community better?
- Time length: an hour? Two? A full day? Used during a weekend retreat? Used during the Sunday morning service involving the entire church? A 24 hour prayer vigil with other churches? Evening? Daytime?
- Who will be invited? Just the women of your church? Women and men? Open it to other churches or community members? Join another Baptist church(es) in the area?
- Style: a formal service? A tea? A lunch or dinner? Or as part of an open space set up with stations of prayer? (See other creative ideas under extra resources)

### **Beginning 2 months before:**

#### Promotion:

- Make special invitations using the template that is found on the BWA Women's website at [www.bwawd.org/extra-resources](http://www.bwawd.org/extra-resources)
- If your community has a Facebook page or group, use it to send out an invitation to the event
- Put an invitation in your church bulletins, and if space allows also use the Day of Prayer logo
- Present a brief invitational video from the website ([www.bwawd.org/extra-resources](http://www.bwawd.org/extra-resources)) or make your own to present
- Present a brief skit based on the theme, inviting women to the Day of Prayer experience. Present it during church announcements at church gathering or anywhere that women are gathered.
- Use the Arise, Shine poster or make one of your own. Hang it where lots of people will see it. A poster may be downloaded from [www.bwawd.org/extra-resources](http://www.bwawd.org/extra-resources)
- Share about preparations for the event on social media: Facebook, your church website, associational newsletters and any place where you could reach out to Baptist women.
- If possible, use local radio and other media for publicity. Other Christian women may want to join your event
- You can start collecting offerings towards the Day of Prayer and the Day of Prayer projects, as for some people this is the easier way to give. Craft attractive envelopes and distribute them ahead of time to help boost your Day of Prayer offering. You could request that these envelopes go to your church people before the event in the bulletin or handed out.
- Encourage women to invite friends, especially young women to the experience. Often this is just what people need.
- Encourage text message invitations to friends, family members or organizations
- Make invitations, flyers or bookmarks that women can use to give to friends with the date and time

### **One month before**

- Planning team works on their various tasks

Please see Creative Ways to Enhance your Day of Prayer Experience at [www.bwawd.org/extra-resources](http://www.bwawd.org/extra-resources) for further ideas.

