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Silence Speaks #Standup4HER

By Rev. Dawn Sanders

As we enter the fifth year of Global Prayer for Women’s Empowerment I’m filled with gratitude that God has blessed us to reach such a milestone. I am grateful for the multitudes of intercessors that have contributed to an effort that has evolved into an international collaboration spanning six continents. Yet I lament the daily afflictions of millions of women and girls suffering worldwide.

This year we face a human rights crisis that seeks to undo the progress of our forbearers. Our prayers and actions must be intensified, demanding justice for those shamed into silence.



Although it has been five years, I can still remember reading the first set of prayers describing the horrifying gender violence, acid attacks and wife burnings inflicted upon our beloved sisters. Five years later, we continue to “weep with those who are weeping” (Romans 12:11)

and we must take action to end the unrelenting abuses perpetrated against the vulnerable.

We invite intercessors and activists to unite with us as we launch the #Standup4HER Selfie Campaign. The campaign will use social media to promote prayer and gender rights protection on behalf of the powerless. Our goal is to inspire a Christian movement that will disturb the indifferent, convict the complacent, and mobilize the silent to speak. Stand with us!

Rev. Dawn Sanders is Director of Missional Programs for Lott Carey.

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THE WORLD'S WOMEN NEED CONSTANT PRAYER

By Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley
Executive Secretary-Treasurer



My wife, Pamela, and I visited Liberia in 1998 during a lull between the country's first and second civil wars. A petite second grader connected with Pamela immediately. She had an outgoing personality and was the best cultural dancer at the Lott Carey Mission School in Brewerville. Agile and athletic, Princess was the star of the cultural show that welcomed us into the community.

Pamela and Princess stayed in touch across the years with me serving as the middle-man to relay messages back and forth. We enjoyed seeing photos of Princess as she grew and learning about her progress through primary and secondary school. Her future was uncertain as she approached graduation. The country was in disarray following civil war. The economy was in shambles. The future didn't look very bright for her or other young people then. Pamela decided that we would arrange for Princess to attend college. This would empower her for a life with better security and a brighter destiny. We paid a few thousand dollars a year (less than the cost of the community college in our area), and helped secure a future for Princess.

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Rev. Goatley greeted by Princess Blango in 1997, left, and 2014. He remembers her as the star of a cultural show that welcomed him and his wife, Pamela, to Liberia.

Continuing Prayers Make a Difference

As we embark on a renewed, united and concentrated prayer effort seeking the good health, safety, general well-being, empowerment and advancement of women and children around the world, we must remain mindful of 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV): "For though we live in this world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

Lott Carey Women in Service Everywhere (WISE) – is seeking worldwide, daily participation in this prayer initiative during the 31 days of March 2017. You may do this individually, or join us as often as you can on our 6 a.m. prayer call March 1 through 31. We encourage you to do this again with your local organization or small group any month, or months, in which the Holy Spirit leads you to do so.

We anticipate positive change and are excited about the testimonies we will hear following our unified prayers. We have this confidence because Jesus said in John 10:10 (KJV): "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they have it more abundantly."

WISE is claiming that abundant life for women and children around the world. Thank you for supporting this endeavor.



*Carol W. Mohamed, President
Women in Service Everywhere (WISE), Lott Carey*

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Why Your Investment Matters for Women

Ethiopia: Lott Carey provides funds to the African AIDS Initiative International (AII), which has a new mobile unit providing HIV/AIDS counseling and testing in remote regions. Gifts of \$31, \$131, \$331 or more will fund the mobile unit.

Jamaica: Lott Carey supports the Trinity Evangelical Ministries of Jamaica, which operates a job skills training center for young adult women. Gifts of \$31, \$131, or more enhance the employability and self-sufficiency.

Kenya: Lott Carey Ministries of Kenya wants to empower women through small business development. The Women's Micro-Business Center will promote self-sufficiency. If 25 Lott Carey Churches gave \$1031 each, the center would be complete.

Liberia: Contributions of \$31, \$131, \$331 or more help to provide educational scholarships for girls attending the Lott Carey Mission School in Liberia. Since 1908, Lott Carey has provided support to promote education for girls K-12.



Day 1 *Australia: Matthew 11:28-30*

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for protecting the Aboriginal women and girls of Australia.

Lord, there is so much trauma and heartbreak happening across Australia. These mothers and daughters are hurting as they face the death of loved ones through suicide, domestic violence and the ongoing abuse of drugs and alcohol. Heavenly Father, these women also face racism that is still prevalent across Australia. Lord, please break the chains of darkness that continue to hold our women in bondage spiritually, physically and emotionally. They need to hear of Your great and wonderful love for them and the gift of salvation.

We pray for our Aboriginal women in Christian leadership with their husbands that they will be given wisdom and grace to continue their vital work for You. Father, the harvest is ready, ripe to pick but with few laborers in the fields. Our leaders and pastors are tired and weary from the overload. We pray for help and support.

Lord, we pray for the state of Victoria that continues to make laws to stop the influence of Christianity in our schools. We pray against the local government's anti-Christian stance to wipe out our beliefs and values.

We pray for peace and safety in Aboriginal communities large and small. Amen.

*Francine Riches
Melbourne Indigenous Church Fellowship
Melbourne, Australia*



Day 2 *Bulgaria: Leviticus 19:15; Proverbs 31:8*

Mighty and Wonderful God, thank You for the beauty, richness and diversity of Your creation. We stand in awe and admiration, delighted by Your works, worshipping and praising You for who You are and what You do. And yet, some people hurt and abuse others, unaware of the pain and damage they cause.

We are too quick to judge on the basis of status, class, color, and especially gender. Prejudice and bias, fear and insecurity wreck our hearts. We belittle others, and excuse our actions with talk of tradition, modesty and humility. We believe the poor must be humble and accept lower status; that women and girls must be modest and accept abuse and lack of recognition — in church and in the secular world.

We have all fallen but You have restored us through Christ in salvation.

Lord, forgive. Open the eyes of people to see the beauty and glory of all people You have created. Help us acknowledge Your presence and purpose in each person's life, gender, status and race notwithstanding.

Give us the courage to speak and act against injustice, serving those who cannot speak for themselves. Amen.

*Rev. Dimitrina Oprenova
Associate Minister, First Baptist Church
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Day 3 *Cambodia: Job 33:28-30*

Dear Almighty Father, Holy Spirit, and our Most Precious King Jesus, we humbly come before You in gratitude and thanksgiving for who You are and what You are doing in the lives of so many. You have pulled multitudes out of the pit of darkness and allowed light to begin to shine in their lives. We ask in the name of Jesus for more of this light in a land whose history and pain has been kept in the dark.

We know that where Your light comes in, darkness must flee! We ask for divine strategy in building up communities, empowering local leaders, and forming lasting relationships to help show women and girls their self-worth. Let us intervene for those facing child marriage, domestic violence, forced labor and trafficking.

We pray over the women and children who are experiencing abuse right now. We ask that Your mighty Spirit would come into their lives to offer peace and protection. Bring Your justice swiftly through the work being done in Cambodia; and bring Your love powerfully into this country – all for Your glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Tiffany Atkinson, Executive Director
Freedom's Promise
Nashville, Tennessee
Cambodia*



Day 4 *Canada: Isaiah 26:3-9*

God our Creator, You are the Giver of Life. You have given our women the responsibility of birthing and caring for our children. Your perfect plan is to have a man and a woman with the support of a community, to raise children in a healthy environment.

However, the dysfunction birthed from 200 years of reservations and residential schools have resulted in our women and children suffering from unspeakable abuses, addictions, suicide and overall hopelessness.

We know that these hurts and pains are not a reflection of Your love, for we know Your love can bring healing and hope to our circumstance.

Heavenly Father, where there are fatherless children, please bring men forth to fulfill those roles in their lives. Let the boys grow up to be warriors and the girls grow up to be caretakers and comforters of the family.

Creator, our men have been stripped of their dignity and strength as leaders of their households. I pray that You would bring Your order back into the home, so our women are not bearing the entire responsibility of the family on their shoulders. Where there are women who are being physically abused, please surround them with Your warrior angels to keep them safe and give them the strength to seek help in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Siouxsan Bullshields Robinson, Co-Founder
The Red Road
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Day 5 *Psalm 10:12-18*

Child Marriage

Our Heavenly Father,

We beseech You to intercede on the behalf of young women and girls who are being forced into marriage at an early age. We ask You to give parents the wisdom to understand the harm that is done to a child by forcing them into marriage so young, taking them away from their education and vocational training. We ask that You provide for families so they won't resort to this offensive practice out of financial need. Break the cycle of poverty and cultural tradition that normalizes and perpetuates this custom.

Lord, we ask that You provide healing for the young girls who are married before they were ready. Help them find healing, emotionally and physically, from the trauma of a sexual relationship before they are ready.

Lord, change the minds of men who engage in this practice of marrying girls who are still children. Let them realize the harm they are causing. And finally, Father, we ask that You work with governments, legislators and advocates to outlaw this practice and implement laws that will protect their human rights. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Rev. Mandy Porter-Griffith
Faith Alliance Against Slavery & Trafficking
Baltimore, Maryland*



Day 6 Chile: 2 Chronicles 7:14

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before You with a humble and heavy heart. We recognize You as the Creator of mankind, but we know that in Chile we have forgotten You.

We have allowed the love for money to enter our homes, and this has destroyed our families. We have allowed the love for lust to enter our homes, and we have closed our eyes when we see human trafficking happening in our streets.

We have allowed the love for consumerism to enter our world, and we have become indifferent to the needs of the poor, women, children, and the less fortunate.

So, we come before You to ask Your forgiveness. You have been so good to us. We live in a country where the beautiful scenery reminds us of Your great power every day, yet we have destroyed it because of our own interests. We have mistreated our own, especially the ones that were natives to this land. At the same time, we mistreat the immigrants that come from neighboring countries seeking refuge and better opportunities.

We ask that Your mercy will be upon us, that Your love will surround us and that we, the ones that know You personally, will have the strength to reflect Your light in our lives every day, so Christ Your Son will be known by all. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Raquel Contreras, General Director
Baptist Spanish Publishing House
El Paso, Texas
Temuco, Chile*



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Day 7 Croatia: Ephesians 1:15-20

Father in Heaven, thank You, for the women in Croatia. You have given them gifts and possibilities to shine and change their country in its post-war and post-transition circumstances. But they need Your loving touch.

Many of the women of Croatia are held hostage by traditionalism. Often, they are carrying the heavy load of house chores, child education and of full time work outside of the house mostly alone. Many believe that a man loves them if he hits them and is jealous. New generations grow up hopeless under this canopy of pain, trauma and despair endured by their mothers.

I pray for the younger generation of women in Croatia that a word of hope can reach them and teach them about the great riches of God's glorious inheritance so they can stand up to injustice, violence and abuse. Let them not spend their lives in shallow pursuits of fashion and pleasing men. Keep them safe as the trafficking business comes through our land. They are such an easy prey.

We pray for the women of Croatia who have suffered long years of neglect, poverty, hard work, and abuse. Let them find a new life in You.

Thank You, Father, for the word of hope that You extend to women. We are grateful that You are not a faraway God, but that You live through the pain with us. Let us learn to live trusting and counting on Your resurrection power every day. Amen.

*Dr. Ksenija Magda, President
Baptist World Alliance Women's Department
Zagreb, Croatia*





Day 8 *England: John 10:11-16*

Loving God, we pray for women and girls in England. We give thanks for all that women contribute to the life of communities throughout the land. Bless what they give and multiply the work of their hands.

We pray for women in so many areas of national life – in the family; as bishops, priests and lay women; as teachers and social workers; as doctors and nurses; in finance and business; in sport and leisure; and in politics and public life. Give them strength for the challenges they face.

We lift to our loving God all women and girls who are victims of gender-based violence in England. We lift to our loving God all women and girls who are exploited and abused. May they know the love of the Good Shepherd who cares for them and will never abandon them.

We pray for girls and young women pressured into thinking that their body is inadequate by powerful media images of the so-called perfect body. May they build their self-esteem on the love of God and the deeper beauty of personality and character.

We pray for all who work with vulnerable women and girls. May they know the anointing of God's Spirit upon their ministries and lives. God our Father be with all whose hearts and lives are broken by abuse. Grant them the healing power of the Spirit. May they know the grace of God in their lives. Amen.

*Canon Janice Price
World Mission Adviser for the Archbishops' Council
of the Church of England
London, England*



Day 9 *Germany: Matthew 25:34-40; Luke 4:18-19*

Oh, Lord, my heart is breaking when I think of the young girls among the many refugees in my country and all over Europe. They are the most vulnerable among thousands of displaced people forced from their homes and now desperately looking for a safe haven.

Many of them are traumatized by horrible experiences of war, pain and death at an early age. They have witnessed their parents' despair. They have been dragged along in dangerous and fearsome treks. They did not have enough to eat and not enough water, warm clothes or proper shelter on the way. Their school education has come to a grinding halt. They have been cheated of their childhood. Instead, many of them have of necessity become hardened survivors.

And now, in their new host countries, their parents are often treated with suspicion and resentment. They feel unwanted. They do not speak the local language, they have no friends. How can they survive in a foreign land?

Oh, Lord, You see the suffering of the families. You have made them beautiful, and they carry Your likeness. When they suffer, You suffer, again and again. What should we do?

Raise up Your children, Lord. Awaken our compassion for those who suffer in our nation.

Help us to make a difference in their lives. Help us to find them everywhere. Help us to love them and bring Your healing into their lives.

We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Rev. Regina Claas, Missionary
European Baptist Mission International
Germany & Southern Africa*



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Day 10 *Guyana: Acts 9:40-42*

Precious God, today, we proclaim Your name holy. You are glorious. You are our rock, You are perfect in all ways. We are grateful for Your fairness to all. We praise You for your uprightness and unfailing love towards all.

Unchanging God, today we offer special prayers for the women. Thank You for keeping Your covenant with us throughout the ages. Thank You for favoring us. What a joy it is to be called Your children. We thank you for the generations of women who made paths and guided us to Your everlasting love.

Merciful God, we protest every crime that plagues the lives of Guyanese women today and we cast them out in the name of Jesus. We rebuke every wayward spirit. We ask You to defeat everything that will prevent the women in our country from reaching greatness.

Wise God, fill every woman with wisdom to nurture families that will seek Your righteousness. Help us teach our children the ways of the Lord so they will not depart from You. We pray You will empower all women to assume their responsibilities as caregivers in their families. O Lord, we ask a special blessing on single mothers and assure them of Your bounty and abiding presence.

Almighty God, we thank you for what you going to do in the lives of women and praise You in the name of Jesus, Amen.

*Sis. Lois Reid
Yarrowkabra Baptist Church
Guyana*



Day 11 *Haiti: Isaiah 14:24-27*

Dear Everlasting Father, before You, Lord God Almighty, we bow down in homage and adoration since You have created all things by Your will. We have now access to Jesus through whom we have access by faith into the grace for which we stand.

Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere, with an estimated 80 percent of residents living in poverty. We plead for peace, love and unity. Your grace can lead this island nation to prosperity and initiate a fundamental change so all lives will improve.

We ask for mercy for women and children, who so often bear the burden of poverty. And the continual national disasters and lack of opportunities have made it all worse. But Your power can profoundly alter these lives victimized by the justice system, cultural prejudices and gender-based violence.

O Lord, be in our midst, pardon our iniquities and favor us. We ask you to raise servant women to be role models to inspire their children and other women. We pray that grace, Almighty Lord, be



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poured upon the people of our nation. Glory to Your Name. We pray in Jesus' name, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Jessy C. Petit-Frere
Former Minister of Trade and Industry
Former Minister of Haitians Living Abroad
Eceres Church
Haiti*

Gender-based Violence

Day 12 *Psalm 94:1-19*

Womanist God, in this Kairos Moment we come seeking You. We do not come before You God with hushed and silent prayers. We come to You with an urgency of broken bodies, exhausted screams and narratives untold. We come to You from the shadows of the unspoken and resisting the normalcy of our abuse.

We do not whisper our lament or blend them with the sweetness of incense and myrrh. We come with the pungent truth of bodies stolen and lives that have become ancestors too soon. We come covered in the bloody stench of death indiscriminate of her adolescence, womanhood or youth. We come seeking refuge in You.

We do not come to be labeled evil, sinners, demonic or whores; adulterous, untouchable or the scapegoat for creation's fall. We come in the spirit of Imago Dei and interconnected in the agape love of all humanity. We come because we know we were born to be free. We come seeking You who met the woman at the well. We come seeking You who abandoned the tomb and ordained the women to go and tell about the promises, hopes and anticipation of a risen Emmanuel.

We do not come to be in the palace. We come to disrupt, wail and hold vigil at the wall. Clothed with our ashes and sackcloth, And like Rizpah, standing tall. Defying the masses if we must walk alone.



We must decry injustice
Until all girls come home.

We come reclaiming the narratives of Naomi, Orpah and Ruth.
We come to tell the painful horrors of Sojourner's truth.

We come bearing witness to Rachel's lament.
We come like Rahab seeking recompense.
We come seeking reparations for Jephthah's daughter's tears,
That leave a trail across the oceans and beyond the seas
With the unnamed, untold and unseen.
We come seeking You our liberator who promised to set the captives free.

We do not come obedient or dismayed.
We come defiant in our righteous rage.
We come with the hope in a God of the oppressed.
Ella said till freedom rings, "We cannot rest."
We come holding steadfast the prayers of a generation etched upon our breasts.

Womanist God, please hear our prayers and usher us through the gale beyond our fears.
We come because we Your daughters believe in the vision of a Beloved earth that Your divine imagination conceived.
Out of Your womb came the earth, the moon and the sun.
We come seeking Thy will be done.

Amen.
Ashé.

*Rev. Waltrina N. Middleton
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Howard University
Washington, D.C.*



Day 13 India: Isaiah 29:18-21

Dear God, as we celebrate our diversity in dance and colourful costumes, we thank You, Loving God. As we bathe in the beauty of the landscapes, we thank You, our Creator God. As we embrace the diversity of our surroundings, we thank You, our Caring God. As we marvel at Your presence in the vibrant life all around us, we bless You, our Benevolent God.

But we also see a rigged economy at the heart of poverty in India and the intentional exclusionary practices against Dalits, considered members of the lowest caste, Tribals and Adivasis, the indigenous people of India, as well as women, children, and the disabled. We see the institutionalized discrimination against millions in our country and we turn to You for mercy. We also pray for those affected by dams and other “development” programs such as industrialization projects; as we walk with the disenfranchised, we ask for Your grace.

We reach out to You, God of power, of justice and love, for the strength and commitment to eliminate every form of humiliation and violence against marginalized communities. Give peace to India, with abundant life for all, Compassionate God. Amen.

*Dr. Aruna Gnanadason
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of the World Council of Churches
Chennai, South India*



Day 14 Indonesia: Isaiah 61:1-2

Our Father in Heaven, we are so grateful for the compassion and endurance that You put in our hearts. Thank You, Lord, for the Holy Spirit that helps us to discern unseen things surrounding us. We are so grateful for having a loving Father like You.

We come before You to cry out for girls and women in darkness. We’ve seen their sadness, we see their oppression, their sexual exploitation and their sicknesses. Lord, they seek love, they hunger for comfort and acknowledgment from society.

We pray that You will fulfill their dreams by releasing them from tyranny, healing their minds and bodies, and providing a way out of their misery caused by human trafficking and prostitution. Mobilize Your disciples, oh Lord, and pour Your unconditional love upon their lives. We ask that peace, justice, and blessings will touch their precious lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Jessy Magdalena
Anti-Trafficking Coordinator
World Relief Indonesia
Bali, Indonesia*



Day 15 *Italy: Luke 1:39-45*

Oh, God of light and love, we pray
 for the women of Italy, burdened
 by overwork, still fighting to make
 themselves heard, and be.
 Dazed and phased by glittering idols of fame.
 Build them up and let them be.
 We pray for women of every land
 who have reached our shores,
 undertaking a pilgrimage of hope,
 the veiled, the covered, the naked.
 We pray for them to be free.
 Give them the strength to leave abusive men,
 and courage to live in harmony.
 We thank You for those who teach and inspire.
 We thank you, God of light and love,
 we come before You, young and old,
 with hands outstretched,
 ready for Your touch, healing and care.
 We invite, embrace and accept others
 As we have been accepted by You.
 In our churches and in our homes,
 In schools and hospitals and prisons
 And where the powerful sit,
 We pray no one goes unloved;
 No one is rebuffed and bound,
 Oh, God of love and God of light
 Shine on the women of Italy.
 We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Rev. Elizabeth Green
 Christian Evangelical Baptist Union in Italy
 Rome*



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Day 16 *Jamaica: Jeremiah 1:4-5*

Dear Lord, we come to You on behalf of Jamaica. Lord, You have made us strong, and our voices are heard across the nations. We confess that we are not always diligent in fulfilling our various roles. Lord, please forgive us and set us on the right path.

We come boldly to Your throne on behalf of all the women and girls in our beautiful island nation. We pray for those who are exposed to abuse, violence, and human trafficking. Father, we pray for their escape. Lord, empower them, and enable family members and neighbors, and organizations to work more effectively to help them to overcome.

Lord, we pray for those living with HIV/AIDs. With adolescent girls contracting this virus at a higher rate than other groups, we pray for their social, physical, emotional and spiritual healing. May we be strong in helping those with this condition. May they also become informed and empowered to prevent the spread.

Too many women live in abusive relationships, feeling trapped for various reasons. We ask that You fight for those unable to fight for themselves. Provide more shelters and appoint more advocates. Heal our nation Father, and prepare us to lead.

Thank You, Father, for hearing our petition. We praise You for being a God of love and compassion. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Melody Samuels, Youth Coordinator
 Grace Baptist Church, Oracabessa
 St. Mary, Jamaica*



Day 17 Kenya: Colossians 1:9-13, John 3:1

Our Father which art in Heaven, I humbly come before You for the women and girls of Kenya. Thank You for blessing them for accepting You and teaching them to accept You in their hearts.

Lord, You know their struggles and pain. Hear their prayers and see their tears, oh Lord. Give them back what they've lost. Heal the scars on their souls and let them doubt no more. Empower them to stand up for their rights. Rescue them with Your great love.

Dear Lord, please protect them. Shield them from predators and victimizers. Have mercy on these dear and vulnerable girls. We know that You will manifest Your love into the spirits of our women and give them knowledge and increase their trust in You.

Lord, we ask You to touch vulnerable women and girls; those who are widowed and homeless and must live every day in poverty.

Father God, I thank You today and invite You into the weak places in the lives of the women of my country so that You can turn their weakness into strength. We pray for these things in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Pastor Jackline Ngetich, Assistant Pastor
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Kericho, Kenya*



Day 18 Liberia: Isaiah 58:6-13

Dear God, You are our days and years, our Great Redeemer and Father, we say thank you for the grace, love, and peace You have given us. Most Holy One, we thank you for being so generous to the women of Liberia. We thank you for making us unique and giving us the ability to conceive life. We pray that all Liberian women discover their purpose.

Give us strength to stand up for our rights. Protect us against all forms of violence, and bless and comfort those women who are victims. Show them your everlasting love and help them to know that their lives are still meaningful.

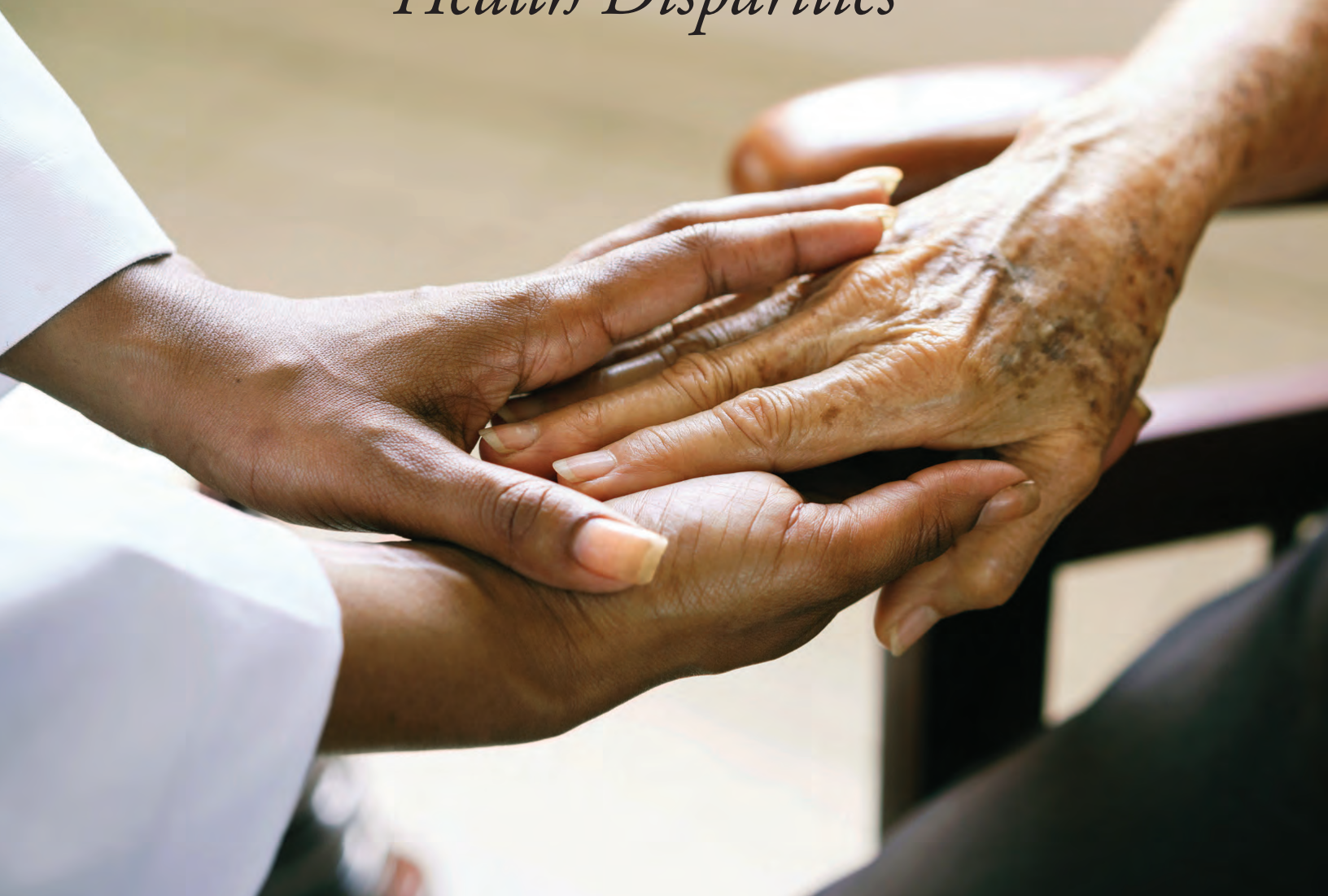
Heavenly Father, I pray for the vulnerable children who have lost parents to the deadly Ebola virus and other illnesses. Restore their lives, remove every stigma, help others to show them compassion, and give them new homes that fill them with love and dignity.

Help the women of Liberia to be courageous and realize we are builders, we are leaders, we are providers. Help us Lord to rebuild our sweet land of Liberia. Thank you for listening to our cries and hearing our prayers. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Monrovia, Liberia*



Health Disparities



Most Holy God, Lord, we ask that You help us to raise awareness about the plight of women and girls across the globe. Please give us the spiritual strength and conviction to speak up for women who haven't found their voices, and for girls who aren't allowed to share theirs. May we exercise the courage to demand equality for all women and girls, and may we continue our efforts until females around the world are healthy, safe, and have access to a quality education.

God, we also ask for resources for the millions of women and girls globally who need Your help. They need health care, vaccines, hygiene products, and so much more. We ask for provisions and healing power for all

women on every continent in the world.

Holy God, there are females of all ages who face violence every day, often at the hands of those who claim to love them. Please provide safe spaces for all women and girls, and bring gender-based violence to a swift end. We pray for the end to human trafficking, domestic violence, and we seek a change to the rape culture that plagues our world. We ask that You protect Your daughters from reproductive illnesses, HIV/AIDS, and body disfigurement such as breast ironing and female genital mutilation. God, we know that You are love; please show them a more excellent way.

Gracious Lord, we also petition You on behalf of the newborns; please provide safe births, and let the babies grow to be healthy

children. We pray for access to clean water on all continents, ample amounts of nutritious food, and access to knowledge that will lead to healthy lifestyles and better measures for self-care.

We acknowledge You as the source of our strength and the fountainhead of potency for all women and girls across the globe. We believe that we will continue to see Your goodness at work in our land and all over the world, so we will not lose heart. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Dr. Lisa Ashe
Alfred Street Baptist Church
Alexandria, Virginia*

#STANDUP4HER

The *Lott Carey Global Prayer Partnership for 31 Days of Prayer for Women's Empowerment* continues to address the plight of women and girls suffering around the world. Hundreds of men and women are celebrating the fifth anniversary of the initiative this year by taking part in special activities in March, Women's History Month. The faith of volunteers, workers and prayer partners endures as they weep, advocate and press for social, economic and political changes that promote advancement for women and girls. There is still much to do. Too many prayers still seek relief from vile acts such as femicide, domestic violence, and wife burnings. Too many women and girls are hungry or face bleak employment prospects, which leads to other problems such as prostitution and drug addiction. But with your financial help and prayers, Lott Carey will remain in the forefront of a battle that has been raging against women throughout our lifetime. If God be for us, these scourges against our sisters will end.



#STANDUP4HER



*“We are each other’s harvest; we are each other’s business;
we are each other’s magnitude and bond.”*

Gwendolyn Brooks, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet

The Lott Carey Global Prayer Partnership is a form of prophetic protest and in celebration of this five-year initiative God has blessed us with the largest number of ecumenical contributors from throughout the international community to lend their voices to the 2017 Prayer Guide.

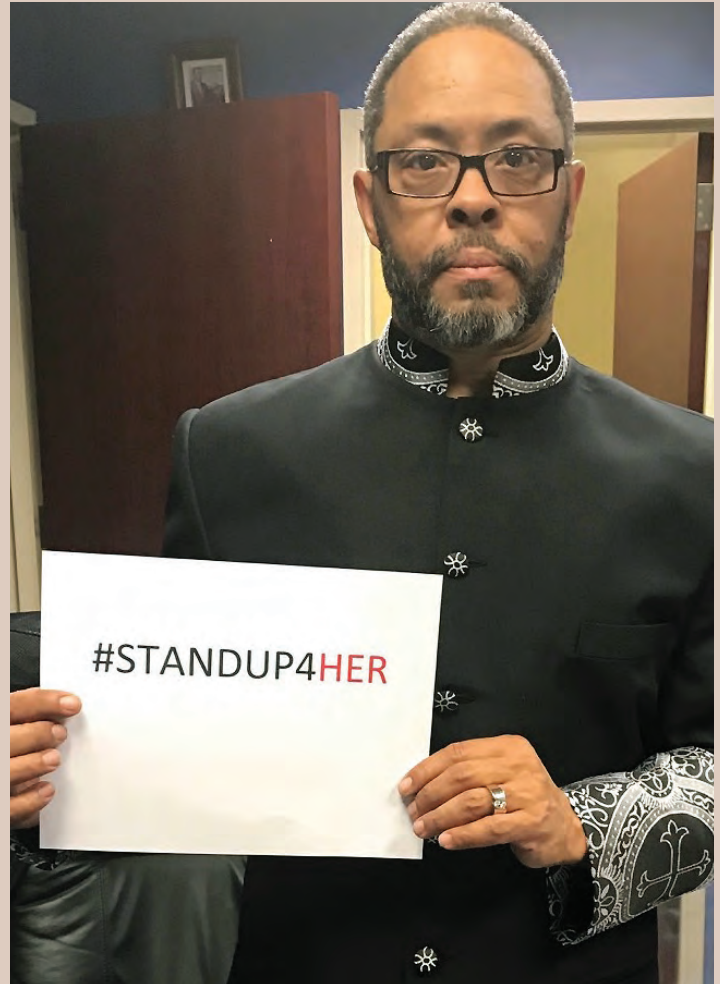
This year we are inviting our friends and partners to join with us in a special social media initiative to bring awareness to the 31 Days of Prayer and our fight for gender rights for millions of unnamed women and girls. The initiative includes three ways to join Lott Carey and Women in Service Everywhere (WISE) in promoting women’s empowerment:

Awareness: Post individual or group selfies with #STANDUP4HER signs on social media to engage others in the fight to help women gain social, economic and political justice. Download #STANDUP4HER signs at www.lottcarey.org/women or make your own. Be sure to use the following hashtags when you post about the initiative or any aspect of women’s empowerment: #STANDUP4HER, #lottcarey, and #wisewomenpray.

Advocacy: Host or take part in special efforts that empowers women and girls. To find a list of opportunities or ideas visit: www.lottcarey.org/women

Action: Share a special gift of \$31, \$131, \$331, \$1031 or more; mobilize others to share a special gift that will support women’s empowerment projects sponsored by Lott Carey.

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HERE ARE 15 WAYS TO SUPPORT WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Awareness

Get the Word Out

- Order 31 Prayer Guides for family and friends to join daily in prayer.
- Share 31 Days of Prayer events on social media.
- Host a Meet-and-Greet with local women leaders.
- Organize a domestic violence awareness campaign.
- Distribute awareness buttons to end child marriage – *GirlsNotBrides.org*.

Advocacy

Support Equity for Women

- Register for email alerts concerning Human Trafficking at PolarisProject.org.
- Host an advocacy event to visit, call or email legislators to support poverty initiatives impacting women.
- Host a town hall meeting with legislative leaders about women's concerns.
- Organize an email or phone campaign to urge legislators to end trafficking.
- Become a Lott Carey volunteer for women and children's events.

Action

Mobilize Supporters

- Mobilize a 24-hour Prayer Chain – 24 people praying every hour for 31 days.
- Collect toiletries and school supplies to donate to Lott Carey Partners.
- Advocate the end of Human Trafficking or Gender-Based Violence on March 8, International Women's Day.
- Set a goal to ask 10 friends to contribute \$31 for Women's Empowerment.
- Establish an education fund for women.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING



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HIV & AIDS



HUMAN RIGHTS

The Sum of Justice Litany

Can we hear with the ears of Justice?

Hear the clattering sounds beneath the pots and pans in kitchens where more than hot meals are stewing for the greedy; for those who prepare the feast are the victims of greed and extortion, themselves hungry and starving for restitution from overstuffed bellies who refuse to share their crumbs.

Can we escape the stench of injustice?

The smell of slavery, forced labor, debt bondage, and slavery-like practices must fill our nostrils just as it chokes the life out of children, women and men who are deprived of liberty, freedom and independence.

Can we be moved by Justice?

To clothe the factory worker with fair wages as she mends garments for major brands that profit from her toil? To liberate the hands of

the child soldier forced into militia movements that inflict genocide? To straighten the backs of the farmworkers bent over in long labor to supply fast food chains?

Where is Love in Justice?

In the *courage* of those who use their freedom to fight for the liberation of those who are coerced into involuntary servitude and debt bondage.

In the *truth-telling* of those who use their pens to author policy and legislation, creating tough consequences for those who commit crimes against humanity.

In the *eloquence* of those who use their voices to expose the camouflage hiding of sex trafficking young girls and uproot the foundation of gender-based violence.

In the *persistence* of those who march, protest, and disobey, affirming that all Black and Brown lives matter until it is indisputably true.

Will Justice remember?

The sacrificial suffering of those who died and those who survive? Those who look away from the abject reality of slavery? Those who hold no one accountable for these crimes—not even themselves?

We are the sum of Justice.

Let us gather ourselves so the sums of our bodies, minds and spirits will speak! So the power of our voices will be a wellspring for love; so the pounding of our feet will dismantle oppression, and create a spirited rumbling for justice in the land. Let us find justice within ourselves.

We are the ones we have been waiting for.

Ashé. Amen.

*By Rev. Waltrina N. Middleton
 Assistant Dean of Rankin Chapel
 Howard University*



Day 20 Malawi: Proverbs 9:9-11

Oh Lord, my heart leaps and jumps for joy when I think of the women I met in Malawi. I am so impressed with their faith and their trust in You in spite of their challenging circumstances.

They came from the mountains,
eight hours on foot,
From remote places where no transport can reach.

They walked in the blazing sun and unbearable heat

And when they arrived, they sang.

They sang and praised You, oh Lord,

They danced for You, they played their drums

And their faces radiated with joy.

What an infectious joy that was.

But I also wonder: What if?

What if these women would be handed the key of education together with their love for You?

What if they could read and study Your Word?

What if they learned to count and write numbers?

Oh Lord,

They need bursaries for women leaders to afford higher education. Encourage the committed and dedicated teachers, too few to bear the heavy load of catering to far too many pupils.

Oh Lord,

Raise more of your daughters around the world to share our resources and educate those who did not have the privilege of formal education. Make us willing to share our knowledge, skills and experiences so that others can advance in their lives. Help us to fight poverty and oppression by truly empowering women in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Rev. Regina Claas, Missionary Consultant for Leadership Development
European Baptist Mission International
Malawi*



Day 21 Nigeria Job 22:26-30

Lord, we daughters of Zion, here in Nigeria, join with our sisters around the world to express our thanksgiving to You in these perilous times. We ask that You hear our prayers and answer us favorably in Jesus' name.

Lord, we ask You to destroy strife, disunity, and every satanic attack against our marital lives, in Jesus' name. Lord, open our hearts to the love You have given and enable us keep our families together against all odds.

Father, turn the hearts of the government to legislate laws that will secure the welfare of women. Please give us the wisdom to invest our resources judiciously to produce the best dividends. Lord, let there be love, unity and understanding among members of our different micro-ventures so that the women can work together to build better lives.

Father, please heal the wounds of gender abuse and war. Heal the woes of our motherland, Nigeria, especially the biting effects of this unprecedented period of depression that is bringing extreme hardship to the land.

Father, please heal all the diseases and sicknesses specific to our women, in Jesus' name, and make them whole again. May we truly experience the joy of Your salvation as we serve and worship You. Father, thank You once again. We know You have heard our prayer, for we have prayed in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen, Amen and Amen.

*Pastor Udeme I. Otoho
Mbak Itam Baptist Church
Nigeria*





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Day 22 *Somalia: Ezekiel 34:25-31*

Almighty and Loving God, Your mercy and compassion never fail; they rise like the sun, filling Somalia with hope and vitality. We lift the women of Somalia to You for blessings. Millions struggle for survival here in the great horn of Africa, on the wind-swept shores of the Indian Ocean.

For the sake of their children, they toil to provide for their families. Some will spend this day in the vast refugee camps that surround the rubble of Mogadishu, caring for children, sweeping the dust from their tent, and waiting for change. Others will walk along camel paths in search of water. Some will carry a baby or sick child seeking help at a distant medical center. Many will flee from villages where battles are erupting.

Twenty-five years of conflict and war have torn apart the fabric of their nation. Bloodshed and violence have touched every home. Mothers nurse the battle wounds and bear the scars. Lord, hear our prayers for these women who cry out for peace. Pour your Holy Spirit upon this nation bringing healing and restoration. Awaken within Somalia a thirst for reconciliation, and a hunger for forgiveness. Open new paths in the desert that will lead your children to lasting and abundant life.

May the love and power of Christ touch their lives today. Amen.

*Erica Kenny
Canadian Baptist Ministries
Nairobi, Kenya*



Day 23 *South Africa: 2 Chronicles 7:14*

Dear Lord, we come to You with thanksgiving in our hearts for the women and girls in South Africa. We pray that You will empower them with wisdom and knowledge to become stronger leaders of our country. Help them to remember we are created in Your image.

We pray for the salvation of women and girls that they may know that you are the only one true God and that You alone can change their lives for the better. We pray that You will protect young girls and women from brutal rape and every form of domestic violence that has been escalating over the years. They are denied justice so Lord we cry out for Your intervention.

Lord, the women and girls of my country are suffering from abject poverty, leading too many to prostitution to support themselves. Lord, move against forced marriages of young girls, particularly in the rural areas, where the practice is used to offset poverty in a family.

We stand with the women facing discrimination, difficult working conditions, and often go without remuneration. We pray for equality in state institutions and private corporations where women are dominated by men.

Please send doctors and medicine for those suffering from fatal diseases like HIV/AIDS. Cancer is killing our young people. We need your help Lord. Amen.

*Mrs. Debra Mulaudzi, First Lady
Rock of Salvation Community Church
Soweto, South Africa*



Photo: Tonga Peterson



Day 24 *Sweden: Revelations 7:13-17*

Dear God, give us Mary's courage, consideration, joie de vivre and wisdom.

Give us the strength and courage to see and make use of the good, the beautiful and the loving in life.

Give us the courage to be the person we are and follow our heart.

Give us strength and courage to change what is not good in our lives, to put into words what is not good, to be present and make space for ourselves, to set boundaries, to face our fears, and to leave when there is no other way out.

Give us strength and courage to address the injustices of life, to represent and make space for those who do not dare or are unable to speak for themselves.

Give us courage to talk of injustices, harassment, violence and threats.

Sweden is one of the most gender-equal countries in the world. But there is still more that can be done even here. Let us create better conditions for everyone in Sweden, in the Holy Land and in the rest of the world. We are all made in God's image and have the same rights, responsibilities and opportunities, which my Swedish grandmother Ester taught me when I was just six years old.

Dear God of life, lead us to justice and peace. Amen.

Marianne Ejdersten, Director of Communication World Council of Churches Sweden



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Day 25 *Tanzania: Lamentations 5:1-3*

Dear Jesus, oh, how I miss my mother, brother and sister. They died of AIDS. I feel alone, even though my father is still living. But he is always driving the big trucks.

AIDS lingers in my village. People do not talk about it much anymore. They once had medicine and were getting better, but now there is no more medicine and they die. There used to be a lot of help for people with AIDS and for orphans. Those helpers have gone back home to their countries. I miss them too.

I am only 12 years old and I am being forced to have sex with grown men and other boys. I try, but I cannot say no. Jesus, I do not want to get AIDS. I do not want to have a baby. Please Jesus, help me to get away and make something of my life so that I can return and make my village a better and safe place to live for everyone.

Although I have a lot of troubles, Jesus, the joy that you placed in my heart carries me through every day and every night. I know that you died for our sins, Jesus. Please forgive my sins and the men and boys who rape me all the time. Jesus, please send joy to my village. Amen.

Dr. Pernessa Seele, Founder & CEO The Balm In Gilead, Inc. Richmond, Virginia / Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Day 26 *Luke 1:46-55*

Poverty

Gracious and loving God, we give You thanks for Your incarnate Son whose birth as one of us offered hope in a hurting world. We give thanks for Mary his mother, whose courage and conviction kept her own child of God safe in violent and treacherous times. We call on Your Holy Spirit to bring Mary's song to fruition in our own time when women and children still struggle for survival, without food to eat, or proper shelter and clothing. Too many live under the threat of war, rape and the loss of home and country. Even in places of prosperity, these same ills are part of Your people's world.

Open our eyes, Lord, that we might hear the call to heal, to act, to love. Show us how to work toward a world where Your vision of justice might be realized. Embolden us. Give us courage to speak that

we might raise our voices to those in power. Heal us in our own pain and give us such a knowledge of Your love that we might stand in solidarity and compassion with all who suffer. Make us brave that we might act in Your name.

All this we ask in the name of the one who came among us, to lift the lowly, feed the hungry and offer mercy and strength to every generation. Amen.

*Rev. Margaret Rose
Episcopal Church Director of Ecumenical
and Inter-Religious Relations
New York, New York*



Day 27 *Thailand: Job 5:15-27*

Lord God Almighty, we praise You as creator of every living, breathing and moving thing in this beautiful world. You knit each of us in our mother's womb, and You desire that none should perish.

We bring before You, Lord, the women and children of Thailand who do not know that they were created by a loving God. They do not know that You desire to be their Daddy, that You are good, that You are for them and not against them.

We ask You to soften hearts that have been hardened by years of abuse, trauma, and ungodly acts. We ask, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, to bring hope and healing to the hopeless and broken. Open their hearts, so they may be set free.

You died so we might live. Please bring new life to this beautiful country. Snuff out the plans of the evil one, who has blinded the people for far too long. Oh, that You, the One True God, would be glorified in this place. That You, alone, would be exalted to the highest place, and that every idol will be torn down and worshiped no more. In the powerful and precious name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Naomi Herbold, Co-Founder
For Freedom International
Puckett, Thailand*



Day 28 *United States: Luke 18:1-8*

Most Holy and all wise God, our Heavenly Father, we come before Your throne of grace interceding on behalf of the women and children of the United States. We need Your help Lord. We need Your divine intervention. Too many live a life of ongoing suffering. Within one of the richest countries in the world we find cases of extreme poverty, hunger and homelessness. There's an ever-widening gap between the haves and the have-nots. The greedy say the suffering of the impoverished is their own fault. This disregard for the least of these Your children, grieves You greatly. We seek Your forgiveness and guidance to know how to teach, lead and advocate for change for the vulnerable women and children of our nation.

Although our country is called the United States, the spirit of division and disunity has been allowed to prevail for far too long. It has been manifested in gangs, gun violence, racism, sexism, bigotry. Even within professed Christian communities there is ignorance and disinterest.

Dear Father, we lift our government and all elected officials to You. Whether we voted for them or not, we understand their conduct and decisions impact the entire country. We pray lawmakers would protect vulnerable women and children who desperately need resources to survive. Help us hold lawmakers accountable in promoting justice and equality for women. Give us the courage to speak out against laws that disempower them.

We offer this prayer in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Carol W. Mohamed
President
WISE, Lott Carey
Rodman Street Baptist Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*





Day 29 *Isaiah 5:7*

Human Trafficking

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we understand that for every child or adult victim on any given night, up to forty men will purchase them. We come against every evil that drives supply and demand. We pray against the demand of human trafficking and sexual violence, we pray against the demand for child victims, little girls and little boys and young women. We beseech You on behalf of the violated. Use us to break this cycle and fight for their protection and justice.

Father, we pray for every woman who

was sexually violated as a child who is now engaged in prostitution, forced prostitution or wrongly incarcerated due to human trafficking. Have mercy Lord and give them the grace they need to experience deliverance in every level of their lives.

We pray that the church will have mercy, knowing that 95 percent of adult victims were molested or raped as children and slipped through the cracks without getting the help they needed. Lord we pray over every church and agency that is doing the work of healing victims, restoring brokenness, and

transforming lives. Provide the resources needed to continue this work.

Finally, Lord, we pray for the safety of every high-risk youth and young adult to be kept from harm. We give You honor Lord, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Rev. Dr. Brook Parker Bello
Founder & CEO
More Too Life
Sarasota, Florida*



Day 30 Zimbabwe: Job 3:20-26



Dear Almighty God and Everlasting Lord, we pray for women who are sick from cancer, cholera, malaria, HIV and AIDS, and the aged who suffer neglect. Deliver them from confusion and pain. Give power to the powerless, fullness to the empty and satisfaction to the hungry. Heal their wounds, free them from fear and restore them to true health. Strengthen us to face the future with faith.

God of justice, we ask You to change the hearts of the exploiters. Shield the women of Zimbabwe from speculation and gossip. We pray for women who have been humiliated, harassed and stigmatized, and who are afraid to reveal their pain because they are ashamed. Many have been beaten and tortured, and cannot tell because they fear retribution.

We give thanks for those unnamed and unsung women who refuse to be silent. Continue to give them strength to stand up for justice and truth; increase their number, Lord, so they can continue their struggle for equal rights, an end to sexual violence and human trafficking.

Bless the midwives, Lord. Encourage them as they attend to pregnant women, especially those forced to give birth in squalid and dangerous places. We pray for all women who are in anguish and who lack resources to care for their children adequately.

We pray this in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Rev. Henerieta Mgovo
Monomotapa Baptist Church
Gweru, Zimbabwe*



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Day 31 *Psalm 90:1-2*

Refugees and Forcibly Displaced Persons

Father, Your Spirit inspired Moses – a man of God, a forcibly displaced person and a refugee – to compose the prayer of Psalm 90: “Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.” We cry to You today along with women and girls and their families who find themselves living as refugees or forcibly displaced persons.

We ask that You powerfully move in the hearts of people and nations everywhere refugees and displaced women and girls live; that life-giving relationships, rich resources, and straight pathways in every community would be opened in astoundingly abundant supply.

We pray that You would powerfully move in the hearts of Your people, wherever churches gather. We ask that in this day, when refugees and displaced persons are more numerous than ever before, that Your people rise and under Your authority create solutions to this global crisis.

Father, continue to show Yourself as our dwelling place, our home. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Kelly Carline
Settlement Supervisor
Newcomer Connections
YMCA of Greater Saint John
Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada*

MISSIONS

Haiti blog: Passion and Service

Pictures Courtesy Vernon Hammett

Vernon Hammett, a deacon at Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, is a frequent traveler to Haiti for missions. You can read and see more pictures on his blog at VernonHammett.net

"This year, 2016, I make my fifth missional journey to Haiti. I had no idea what I was getting into in 2012 when I said, "Lord, here I am . . . send me," but I now realize that God had a plan for my life. To say I enjoy this is an understatement . . . it's more like I've found purpose."

"Most of the team spends the morning at the clinic today. There is also a small painting job at the orphanage. We plan to meet up at the soup kitchen around 11 a.m. and then have playtime at the school during their lunch hour. The team brought jump ropes to share with the students and a bag full of candy to share. The team is mobbed as soon as we arrive at the school."

"I know collectively the (team's) thoughts are '(We) can't wait until next year.' There is already talk about next year's mission and I am already beaming about how these now "experienced missionaries" will prove to be so valuable to those who will follow in their footsteps."

"In these postings, I have provided just a glimpse of what I experienced while doing what God called me to do. It is a joy to share with you what my eyes and ears took in. I pray it blesses you. I pray it inspires you."



Empowering Women is a Priority for Lott Carey's First Female Pastor in Kenya: 'I encourage them to be brave'

Rev. Jackline Ngetich knows it not easy for everyone in her community and family to accept the fact that she co-pastors Koitaburot Soin Moetik Baptist Church with her husband, David, who is also a farmer. But she says she was called and intends to be a good and faithful servant. She even wants further training at a bible college "to acquire more knowledge and greater understanding of God's word." The couple has five children. Here are excerpts from a recent interview with Lott Carey:

How did you come to the ministry?

I felt a conviction in my heart, a calling to serve God in the church and community by sharing God's word with people and praying for them.



'I felt a conviction in my heart, a calling to serve God.'

What is the hardest thing about being the first female pastor of a Lott Carey Church in Kenya?

Being accepted by the community, relatives

and the larger society.

You say empowering women is an important part of your ministry.

Yes, I counsel distressed and heartbroken women and girls. I encourage them to be brave and give them help in terms of spiritual, moral and material support. Women must be courageous in assuming leadership positions and be responsible where God has placed them.

How can congregations around the world help empower women?

Pray for them daily before God. Pray for their prosperity and success. Pray for redemption and deliverance for every woman in Kenya and all nations. Pray that God frees them from whatever bondage is in their lives.

PRAISE! WORSHIP! CELEBRATE!



The 63rd Annual Youth Seminar, an exciting week of service, learning and fellowship, is June 24-29, 2017. Cost: \$375 per person. Details online at LottCarey.org.

Don't miss this electrifying week of faith in action as outstanding youth make a difference in the world. During last year's seminar, they:

- Raised enough money to send 15 youngsters to Lott Carey Mission School in Liberia.
- Packed more than 100,000 meals for shipment to Nicaragua.
- Participated in more than 10,000 hours of service learning for community enhancement.

The Lott Carey International Youth Development Department helps churches nurture new generations of leaders for the world. #WeWin #LottCarey2017 #MovingForward





The Lott Carey Spring Missions Conference

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HOPE MISSIONARY DAY 2017



Hope Missionary Day is a dynamic program of learning and service activities for youth, ages 6 to 12.

It will be held 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, June 17, 2017, at Mount Olive Baptist Church,
6600 Old Centreville Road, Centreville, Va.
Rev. Dr. Eugene Johnson is the Host Pastor.

Cost is \$20 per person.

*For more details, contact Sis. Nadine Frost at the church—703-830-8769;
or Tonga Peterson at Lott Carey—301-429-3300.*



Lott Carey Partners Join the Women's March on Washington to Stand Up for Women's Rights

Lott Carey partners participating in the momentous *Women's March on Washington* included Alfred Street Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia, and Friendship Baptist Church of Charlotte, North Carolina.

"We are proud of the partners who took part in this historic event and carried signs to promote the empowerment of women. Christians have always been on the frontlines advocating for the marginalized," said Rev. Dawn Sanders, Director of Missional Programs for Lott Carey. "Our activism matters, our voices matter, and we must continue to seek justice for women around the world because their lives matter."

An estimated 470,000 people attended the January 21st event in the Nation's Capital, crowd counting experts said in *The New York Times*. Nationwide, an estimated 3.3 million participated in more than 500 marches across the U.S., data collected by the University of Denver and University of Connecticut show. Globally, "sister marches" took place in more than 70 countries on all continents, *The Washington Post* reported, including Antarctica, where about 30 people demonstrated.



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CONSTANT PRAYER

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Today, Princess has completed her undergraduate degree, is employed with an international non-governmental organization, and is pursuing a master's degree in public health. We put off buying a car so that we could invest in the future of a young woman. Ours is one example of our

commitment to women's empowerment. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and UN Women Executive Director, summed up the impact of commitment during the opening of the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2016: "Where we made good investment in women and girls, the return is high and life changing."

This is more than an opinion. The

statistics are clear. Wherever people make serious investments to empower women, entire communities improve their standards of living – for generations.

As we share in daily prayer for women's empowerment during this season, let us never underestimate how God can bring increase when we dare to plant and water seeds of hope and help.



SPECIAL EVENT

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