

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL)



"I made you wonderful " Psalm 139



World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement that invites women, from a different part of the world each year, to prepare a worship service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer.

On Friday 7th March 2025, an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries and islands will gather to observe this day of prayer. This year the Christian women of the Cook Islands have compiled the order of service which has been translated into over 60 languages and 1,000 dialects.

In the British Isles alone over 6,000 services will be held. The day begins as the sun rises over the island of Samoa and continues until it sets off the coast of American Samoa, some 35 hours later. It is a chance to be part of a great wave of prayer around the globe.

This years theme is from Psalm 139: "I made you wonderful". The service includes many well-known hymns and two especially written for this service.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service. The local Dorchester & District World Day of Prayer service will be held on **Friday 7th March 2025 at 10:30am at St Marys Church in Dorchester.** Coffee and Fairtrade products will be available after the service.

A coffee morning will be held on Saturday 8th February 2025 from 10 am until 12 noon, at the Dorchester United Church Hall, to raise funds to support the projects of health, education, mission and other charities to which the World Day of Prayer movement give grants. These grants and the charities that are supported by WDP are listed on the last 2 pages of the service booklet. We welcome your support please, and hope to see as many as possible at the coffee morning and the service.

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