

A NOTE TO PRESENTERS

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY REFLECTION



Today we honour women all over the world, sisters in our one human family.



We honour their courage, as they overcome the challenges of living in extreme poverty.



We are thankful for their care for our common home.



We admire their dedication to the common good.

We learn from their commitment to the progress of their whole community.





We are enriched by their passion and generous sharing of their cultures.



We honour their open hearts and feel so privileged to hear their stories.



We pray for women who spread joy and nurture hope throughout struggles.



We support their determination as they strive to attain new skills and expertise.



We honour the extraordinary roles they have in their communities.



We stand with women as they open new horizons for the next generation.



We celebrate women as mothers, sisters, wives, friends, leaders, champions, advocates and world changers.

Gracious God, we pray for ourselves and all women around the world.

Strengthen us to stand in solidarity with our sisters experiencing poverty and injustice.

Open our hearts to listen and serve.

Give us the courage to hope and work for a better future for all women.

Awaken us, that we may fully realise our interconnectedness to our one global human family.

Guide us with your spirit, to welcome, champion, practically and joyfully love each other.

Amen

Started by the Suffragettes in the early 1900's, the first **International Women's Day** was celebrated in 1911. International Women's Day belongs to all communities everywhere - governments, companies, charities, educational institutions, networks, associations, the media and more. Whether through a global conference, community gathering, classroom lesson or dinner table conversation - everyone can play a purposeful part in pressing for gender parity.

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com>

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