

# World Day of Prayer USA

August 1, 2018

Dear Friends,

Once again, World Day of Prayer gives us the opportunity to learn about a faraway, little-known country—Slovenia, one of the smallest and newest countries in Europe. There is much to learn from the women who have written the 2019 WDP service. The theme for 2019 is based on Jesus' parable of the Great Dinner (in Lk. 14:15–24): ***“Come—Everything Is Ready.”***

One phrase in the worship service especially captures the ideas we will explore: “Welcoming God, in your love, you have prepared a table for all, and you inspire us to open our hearts and our homes to offer a place to the ones who are not yet at the table.” Who isn't at your table yet? Who isn't at your World Day of Prayer service . . . yet? The women of Slovenia challenge us all to widen our circles, to expand our communities.

The World Day of Prayer USA Committee is excited to share the materials for WDP 2019—Slovenia and encourage you to start planning now for a meaningful event on March 1, 2019. (Remember, although the first Friday in March is the traditional time of the annual World Day of Prayer, the material can be used at any time that fits the needs of your group.)

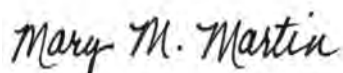
Thank you for your evaluations and feedback on the materials for WDP 2018—Suriname. The new materials—especially the bookmark and PowerPoint presentation for the worship service—were very well received and we plan to continue offering those. Many people are taking advantage of the downloadable resources!

Thanks to the many groups who designated the offering from their service to the work of WDP-USA. The contributions allow us to continue to address critical social and economic issues through grants to organizations in the United States and around the world, as well as continue to produce high-quality materials. See our website for the list of 2018 grant recipients.

There are many ways to make the World Day of Prayer a year-long experience. We hope you will stay connected through our email newsletter, Twitter, and Facebook, and by frequent visits to our website. Share with your friends so that the movement will continue to grow.

The WDP-USA committee and staff are grateful for your engagement and partnership as we continue to work for justice and equality through prayer, partnership, service, and celebration.

With you in prayer and action,



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