

## World Day of Prayer • March 4, 2016 *Receive Children, Receive Me*

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For 2016, the women of Cuba invite us to consider these words: *Receive Children, Receive Me*. The women of Cuba share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. We will learn how Jesus responds to his disciples when the little children come to him, exploring Jesus' adoring and passionate acceptance of the children, saying: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10:14-15). As we listen to the women of Cuba throughout the worship service, we are invited to seek Jesus with childlikeness and boldness. And we are challenged and encouraged to wholly receive others, as Jesus calls us, into the kingdom of God.

WDP's motto, "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action," affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. As we observe WDP 2016, millions of God's children, adults and the elderly suffer from violence, exploitation, the effects of a global economic crisis and the hardships of emigration. We encourage you to begin thinking about actions that you can take to further expand God's kingdom. Throughout the service, the women of WDP Cuba invite us to accept Jesus' infinite blessing and exhort us to receive others into the kingdom of God. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!

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## About World Day of Prayer



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Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth and children) from around the world and in every region gather to collectively worship on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service and other materials. Women of that country’s national WDP committee interpret scripture within their cultural context and prepare a worship service; women around the world lead the services.

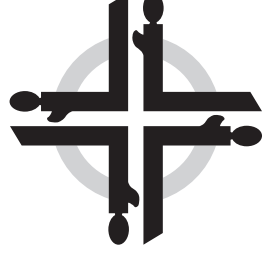
World Day of Prayer is supported by sacrificial and benevolent mission offerings given by individuals through these annual services. Each of the 170 countries celebrating World Day of Prayer has an ecumenical committee of women representing many cultures, races and faith traditions. Each country’s committee is responsible for determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year. Offering grants are made to women and children’s groups in each country.

World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. For more information, visit the World Day of Prayer USA website at [www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org).

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