

Ideas for Creative World Day of Prayer Events

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is more than just a day; it is a movement that invites people around the world to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

Organizers are welcome to use a creative event to celebrate WDP. Let the 2024 theme “**I beg you ... bear with one another in love**” inspire you.

Be sure to include prayer for Palestinian women, invitations to others to join, use of the WDP service, and an opportunity to donate.

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Here are some ideas that may be possible in your area.

Crafts: Create bookmarks with olive branches or embroider patterns which have been a key feature of traditional Palestinian costumes for hundreds of years. Use *tatreez* (cross-stitch embroidery) and *tahriri* (couching-stitch embroidery).

Food: Invite people to watch the WDP service video and provide Palestinian food.

Location: Your event can take place outside a traditional church setting and on any day. Just remember to invite others as permitted, pray for the host writing committee and give people an opportunity to donate.

Walking Group: Create a walking group that finishes their exercise time with a modified WDP service.

Recording of Peace Messages: Record peace messages by participants and share these on your church website or FB page.

Road Trip: Take a one-day excursion to a point of interest that encourages reflection on the WDP 2024 theme.

Performance: Invite musicians, dancers, and other local talents to an evening of performances. Intersperse with WDP service features.

Meetings: Include WDP as part of another regular meeting.

Leaving a plate out for WDP donations at events provides a place for participants to contribute to the WICC grant programs that restore hope to women and children touched by injustice in Canada and around the world.

Children’s Retreats, Day Camp and Vacation Bible Schools: Consider incorporating World Day of Prayer into activities planned for children.

WDP Paint Session in person or via Zoom: see the example below.

WDP Paint Session Example:

Plan the following:

Date:

Time:

Painting Title:

Length of Painting Session

Instructor:

Cost: a donation to WICC for WDP grants

Delivery Method: Via Zoom or In-Person

Preparation: choose a painting to produce; promote; create a Zoom link if needed; locate brushes, prep on canvas, cover for clothes, paints, clean-up, water; light; support for canvas.

Paint Gallery: Choose a method/location to display the works of art!