



all over the world pray for women

December has already arrived, bringing the year to a close. Looking back, it has been a year overflowing with gratitude and praise for the grace the Lord has bestowed upon us. He allowed us to taste the joy of being built together through 'encounters' in accomplishing what we cannot do alone, and through international prayer, we were filled with the Lord's grace as He touched our hearts through daily meditation on ten different themes. As we approach the year's end, share messages of gratitude with life-giving words and heart-moving words that overflow with thanksgiving and blessings. We hope that all the words our lips speak and all that our hearts meditate on will bring glory to the Lord.



카카오톡 채널에서 '소망의 여인들' 채널을 추가하시면
매주 월요일에 기도카드를 받으실 수 있습니다.

1. As single mothers and rural women of Mongolia struggle financially, God, may they be equipped with resources, training and dignified work to support their families with hope. (Prov. 31:17)
2. Lord, bring healing, comfort and strength to women in Niger suffering from inadequate medical care, especially in maternal and reproductive health. (Mark 5:34)
3. Father, please equip churches in Uruguay to support and provide spiritual guidance to vulnerable migrant women there. May your love be reflected through your people. (1 John 3:17-18)
4. Father, may every parent in Tanzania dream of and see the fruition of the educational development of their daughters. (Prov. 18:15)
5. Lord, help women in Romania to discover their value and identity in you. Then they will be able to live with dignity as they seek to fulfill your will. (2 Cor. 5:17)
6. In South Korea, 64% of women over age 20 desire to be married. God, may churches offer premarital programs to help couples prepare for marriage. (Gen. 2:24)
7. Lord, may legislation be passed that will grant opportunities for women in Nigeria to occupy key decision-making positions in all levels of government. (Isa. 22:22)
8. God, may the barriers of child marriage and cultural stigma be removed so that girls in Mauritania may attend school, gain wisdom and skills, and find hope for their future. (Prov. 1:5)
9. Bring healing, Father, to young girls in the Netherlands who struggle with negative self-images and suffer from eating disorders. Open their eyes to their value in you. (Isa. 43:4)
10. Father, we pray for safe, fair and meaningful employment for women in China. May wage gaps close, discrimination end, and talents be fully valued and rewarded. (Prov. 16:3)
11. God, may the mature Christian women in the Dominican Republic purposefully teach younger women to meditate on your Word as the source of their hope and faith. (Josh. 1:8)
12. Gender gaps for women in Japan exist in politics, economics, education and health. May people receive the gospel and adopt biblical values so that discrimination will cease. (Prov. 2:6-10)
13. Father, thank you for the community and fellowship found in Mali's listening groups. Bless and strengthen these gatherings as places of encouragement, support and spiritual growth. (Matt. 18:20)
14. Thank you, Lord, that women in Finland have educational freedom and many economic opportunities. Lord, let this happen in countries where women do not have these rights. (Ps. 143:1)
15. Lord, may strategic alliances and agreements be created by companies and institutions to create jobs for women in Paraguay. (Ps. 90:17)
16. May women in Eswatini use their spiritual gifts to support and uplift each other. God, may they encourage each other and bear one another's burdens. (Gal. 6:2)

17. Father, may women facing economic hardship in Niger find purposeful work and financial stability. Multiply their resources to sustain themselves and their families. (Deut. 28:12)
18. Lord, affirm the worth and identity of each woman in Ghana as created in your image, empowering her to overcome societal limitations. (Gen. 1:27)
19. We pray for illiterate girls in the Central African Republic who do not want to go to school. God, open their eyes to see a better future for themselves. (Eccles. 7:12)
20. Open the doors, Lord, for women in Côte d'Ivoire to access quality education and equal professional opportunities so they can reach their full potential. (Prov. 4:7)
21. God, grant every woman in China access to excellent health care. Protect mothers and daughters from harm, and bless their bodies, minds and families with health. (3 John 1:2)
22. Lord, may women in the North Caucasus find their worth in your eyes, grow in healthy self-esteem and courageously live with truth and dignity. (Prov. 31:25)
23. Father, thank you for the microcredit, training and entrepreneurship initiatives that enable women in Burkina Faso to support their families. (Col. 3:23-24)
24. God, grow the faith and understanding of the women who are studying the Bible and learning other life skills through our team members in Albania. (Eph. 3:16-19)
25. Lord, give creative ideas and strategies for the vocational training of intercessors in Zanzibar and Pemba, enabling them to create income for their basic needs. (Prov. 2:6)
26. We look to you, Lord, to heal women in Benin from their trauma and low self-esteem resulting from wounds and injustices inflicted by their parents and husbands. (Ps. 139:14)
27. Father, may Christian women on Bonaire offer one another godly life-giving friendship that provides the safe community women need. (Eccles. 4:9-10)
28. Father, please inspire those in authority in northern Nigeria to create adult educational centers and job opportunities that will benefit women. (Phil. 4:3)
29. As women in Japan struggle to care for family, the home and work, may they find hope and joy in Jesus and flourish in every area of their lives. (Rom.15:13)
30. Rural women in Mongolia often lack education. God, we pray for opportunities for them to grow in knowledge, literacy and confidence to lead in their communities and churches. (Prov. 19:20)
31. South Korea's wage gap is largely due to interruptions in a woman's career after marriage and low representation in corporate leadership positions. May these issues be reformed. (Deut. 25:15)

“What the heart meant to say”

- Embracing Hope by Susie Pek, global director
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If you're anything like me, you cherish a good conversation. Let's be honest: There's nothing quite like connecting with people we hold dear – those who are fun, thoughtful and insightful. Some conversations have the power to completely transform our day. And even when we can't speak face-to-face – whether through video calls or phone chats – those ongoing exchanges via text or voice messages can be just as meaningful.

But there's something about conversations that has always intrigued me. Sometimes, a chat that begins beautifully can take a wrong turn with just a few careless words. Words carry weight. It doesn't take much to offend, betray, insult or even damage someone's reputation. “The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.” This verse from Proverbs is a powerful reminder – especially for those of us who love words.

It's sobering to realize how much harm can be done with so little. But, thankfully, there's another side to this story. Our words also have the power to comfort, defend, encourage and build up. They can spread hope and preserve peace. What a relief to know that the tongue doesn't always wound – it can also be a fountain of life. Scripture reminds us again and again: The way we use our words can bring healing or hurt.

This double-edged nature of speech leads me to a question:

“If you had to eat your words, would they nourish your soul – or poison it?” I think it's fair to say it depends on the day. When our hearts are light, our words tend to be full of life and encouragement. But when we're burdened or frustrated, our speech may turn sharp and hurtful.

James 3 confronts us with a powerful truth: We can tame wild animals but not the tongue. “All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?”

Taming the tongue is a daily battle for every one of us. And if we truly want to fight the good fight, we must remember: The root of this struggle isn't in the mouth; it's in the heart. “The mouth speaks what the heart is full of,” says Luke 6:45. Our words reflect our inner world. So, what do your words reveal about your heart? Are they overflowing with grace, or do they expose hidden bitterness, impatience or pride?

May I encourage you to pray once again, this time the words of Psalm 139:23-24, “Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.”

I love the idea that our words can bring healing. And I truly believe they can make beautiful gifts – especially during Thanksgiving and Christmas – as we spread hope through texts, voice messages, handwritten cards and more. Let's be creative. Let's speak life. Let's touch hearts. And let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing to the Lord, our God.

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