



Pray for Women's Education, Economy, and Opportunities

The biggest recurring challenge for women is access to education. According to UNESCO's 2024 report, two-thirds of the 700 million illiterate adults worldwide are women. Literacy is not just about communicating with others—it's directly connected to the ability to filter and analyze important facts in a flood of information. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10). Beyond learning to read, may women read and understand the Bible for themselves, experience God's deep love through the wisdom He gives, and remain unshaken in any difficulty.



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

1. Awaken women in the Arab world to seek you, the source of love, truth and peace who can turn their despair into hope and fear into faith. (Jer. 29:13)
2. Lord, restore the possibility for parents in Belarus to educate their children at home where they can instill a godly worldview to shape this next generation. (Prov. 22:6)
3. God, may women on Bonaire have fair access to quality education, decent jobs and economic opportunities that will break their cycles of poverty. (Phil. 4:19)
4. Lord, may the new government in Botswana aim to strengthen education by enforcing discipline in schools and ensure that universities equip students with life skills for employment. (Prov. 4:5)
5. Father, grant wisdom to Brazil's leadership in how to address the economic issues of increasing food prices and taxes, which are causing such difficulty for its people. (Isa. 33:6)
6. Father, please bring justice in Cambodia to those citizens whose legal property is being seized by those with money and power. (Isa. 61:8)
7. Lord, give wisdom to China's educational leaders in navigating challenges brought by AI and an aging population. May education be accessible for rural and minority students. (Prov. 4:13)
8. As Danish young people struggle with failing to thrive in school because of emotional and mental difficulties, bring qualified help to them and their families. (Isa. 26:3)
9. Father, provide dignified sources of employment for women in the Dominican Republic who have resorted to prostitution to support their families. (Matt. 6:31-33)
10. Lord, grant job creation, financial breakthrough and creativity for Eswatini's businesswomen. Bless the work of their hands to break the cycle of poverty. (Deut. 8:18)
11. Father, grant wisdom to France's government leaders in maintaining order and essential services, protecting citizen's rights, and promoting the general welfare of its society. (Rom. 12:21)
12. Lord, have mercy on Indonesian workers who earn less the minimum wage and are vulnerable to poverty. Strengthen them and open opportunities for fair and better livelihoods. (Ps. 9:18)
13. God, may the churches in Japan care financially and spiritually for elderly women and single mothers who are at high risk for poverty. (Deut. 24:17-22)
14. Father, provide food security, relief from poverty, reliable child care and paths toward financial independence for women living with overwhelming debt in Lebanon, Yemen, Sudan and Libya. (2 Cor. 9:8)
15. Lord, we seek you for the provision of resources, teachers and quality education for rural Mongolian children. Fill them with your hope for their future. (Prov. 18:15)
16. Lord, may those in the North Caucasus burdened by debt and high interest find hope, turning to you for wisdom and strength to live within their means. (Phil. 4:13)

“Lessons of the Wilderness”

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17. Lord, guide Papua New Guinea’s leaders through these times of fiscal instability. Grant wisdom to build lasting services so communities gain education, health care, infrastructure, hope and sustainable growth. (1 Tim. 2:1-2)
18. Lord, we pray that you would minister your wholeness to Paraguayan women in vulnerable situations. Help them to find employment that meets their needs. (Prov. 31:25-26)
19. Lord, protect and encourage vulnerable girls in rural Romania who often abandon their studies because of poverty and difficult family situations. Guard them from being trafficked. (Ps. 9:9)
20. Lord, we pray that rural children in Eastern Cape, South Africa, will gain equal-education access and opportunities. Many have long daily walks to school. (Deut. 6:7)
21. Lord, please help the 2,500-plus 18-year-olds who age out of the care system in South Korea each year. Provide the education and support they need to thrive as independent adults. (Deut. 10:18)
22. Lord, move in the hearts of leaders in Syria, Yemen, Sudan and rural North Africa to establish education and safe, dignified employment for women. (Eccles. 7:12)
23. Lord, guide community leaders in Timor-Leste to provide learning opportunities, teachers, books and safe schools for all children so that their future flourishes. (James 1:5)
24. Lord, we pray for fair employment opportunities for women in Uruguay, respect in the workplace and good quality jobs, especially in rural and low-income areas. (Col. 3:23-24)
25. Lord, bring the resources and transformation needed so young women in low-income school districts in the U.S. can receive a quality education. (1 John 3:17-18)
26. Lord, have mercy on Vietnam’s informal workers who labor without protection. Strengthen them, provide safer opportunities and guide leaders to create fair, secure work for every family. (Ps.140:12)
27. Justice and wisdom are yours, Lord. Enable governments in the Arab world to steward resources wisely, protect vulnerable families and create opportunities in which women thrive. (James 1:22)
28. Lord, bring real solutions and freedom to those in Cambodia who are trapped by high-interest debt from banks or private lenders. (Prov. 22:7)
29. Lord, open the possibility for all girls in Eswatini to be educated. Raise up compassionate mentors and educators to teach them. (Phil. 4:9)
30. As single mothers and rural workers in Mongolia struggle with inflation and rising living costs, Lord, provide them with dignified and fair job opportunities paying sustainable incomes. (Deut. 28:12)

We all love a good story – they entertain us, enable us to record our history and share our culture. But I also love the wisdom that we can glean from looking at the stories of people’s lives. Some of my favorites are found in the Bible.

Lately, I’ve been thinking about the Israelites’ response to the 10 spies who gave a fearful and discouraging report about the Promised Land. They chose to fear the giants they had observed rather than to trust God, his word and his power. This lack of trust in God caused them to spend 40 years wandering in the wilderness! Mercifully, God gave them many opportunities to learn to depend completely on him, but whether they were tested in times of scarcity for water, or in times of abundance with manna they just couldn’t seem to learn to trust him.

Thankfully, there are also the Bible stories of wilderness wanderings and sufferings of our heroes of the faith. Noah probably endured ridicule for decades while he built the ark. Abraham left home and family to follow God to a land of promise and trusted God enough to yield his son Isaac in sacrifice. The disciples and the apostle Paul faced intense difficulty yet maintained their allegiance to and confidence in God.

We all have wilderness times in our lives too. These tests are never meant to make us fall but to strengthen our muscles. It is in the wilderness, in times of suffering, that we can mature and have our faith grow in God through depending on him for everything in life.

This past year I have noticed a marked increase in the amount of suffering among believers. It appears that God is purifying his body and strengthening us to trust him through everything. As I pondered this, I realized that not only did Jesus experience suffering just as we do, not only is he our high priest who identifies with us and intercedes in our difficulties, but he also is the ONLY one who experienced the Father turning his face away as he bore our sins on the cross so that we would never have to experience that ourselves.

No matter how dark our circumstances are or how much our hearts are breaking, we can hold on to the truth that God is with us in every moment. We may not hear his voice or feel him, but he is there holding us up with his power. In those tense and difficult times can we speak the promises of God out loud to remind ourselves of what is true? Can we press into the grace he gives us for each moment?

Each of us as individuals goes through these trials for our maturity. But I wonder if it is for more than just ourselves. As we pray for the Spirit to continue moving in the next generation, are we ready to impart to them what we have learned?

Many young people around the world are currently coming to Christ and getting to know this God we love and trust. Will we come alongside and disciple them? Will we teach them about the reality of wilderness experiences with God? As human beings we are so used to being in control. But to live life with God, we have to make a defined mental and heart transition from being independent to being followers of God who recognize him as the sovereign Lord fully in control of all.

Will we encourage the next generation as they navigate the wilderness and sufferings of life and testify to them that God is good and is walking through these difficult times with them? Just as the Israelites had to look up in the wilderness to see the reassuring cloud or pillar of fire leading them, we must keep our eyes fixed on God and teach the next generation to do so as well, encouraging them to look up, to stand firmly on God’s promises and truth to get them through. Will we share our life stories and lessons we have learned in the wilderness?

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