

PrayerList for the Unity Women's Desk

November 2018

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we encourage you to spend some time thinking about your many blessings. As you think of each one, say a prayer of thanksgiving. Then spend some time thinking about your sisters around the world who do not share in these blessings. Pray that the Lord might show you how you can “spread the wealth” and bless your sisters somewhere in this world. It is wonderful to be thankful, but it is even better to bless others and receive twice the blessing.

Pray for our church as we celebrate November 13th and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who became our Chief Elder in 1741. As Br. Craig Atwood reminds us, “By proclaiming that Jesus is our Chief Elder, Moravians acknowledge that He is the true head of the church and all that we do should be pleasing to Him. It is also a reminder to us that true leadership is a servant leadership like that of Jesus.”

Pray for Sr. Julie Tomberlin as she starts to work in the UWD office on November 2. While she certainly has all the gifts needed to do the job, pray for her to be able to find balance between the work of the UWD and her personal life. May she continue the work that has begun and improve it with the many skills she brings to the position of Coordinator.

Pray for the Unity Board as they work to confirm two new Advisory Board members—one for the Africa Region and one for the America Region.

Pray for the workshop being held in Guantanamo, Cuba on “Violence against Women” on November 13. Our women there are working with the Cuban Council of Churches on this project, and the UWD was happy to help them with this worthwhile project. Our thanks to Sr. Alay Gonzalez for her application and keeping us informed about the project.

Pray for our sisters in Africa as they begin to work on finding ways to help the women of Africa to have a better quality of life. May the Holy Spirit guide their actions as they seek to better the lives of their sisters and to fulfill God's vision for them.

Pray for our churches. Many churches are experiencing loss of membership numbers or are dealing with conflicts within their churches.

Pray for the safety of all who go to worship each week. May our churches be true sanctuaries where people can find peace, stillness, and the comfort of God each time they enter.

Pray that God will replace the anger, distrust, and malice which can be found in the hearts of some persons with love, compassion, and a desire to be at peace in the world.

Pray for unity in our churches and in our world. Pray that we may all see that we need each other and that we need to work together to bring the unity and compassion needed to sustain our world.

Pray for the many girls and women who are studying with the help of scholarships from the UWD. There are girls and women from Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, Jamaica, Albania, Nepal, and Sierra Leone now receiving scholarships. Pray for our young girls, our older girls, our women at university, our women in seminary, and those studying for advanced degrees.

Pray for our Provincial Coordinators and Sub-Desk Coordinators. Some of these women have been serving since the UWD first began. They receive no pay, and they work very hard finding girls and women who need scholarships or who want loans. They also help the UWD find out about projects that the women wish to pursue but for which they do not have sufficient funding. The UWD is always glad to help when we have sufficient funds and when we have the information we need to make wise decisions about who to help.

Pray for the thousands of refugees who are seeking asylum or better places in which to live in safety. May they find people who are ready to welcome them with open arms so that they may have better lives in the new countries to which they come.

Pray for those who are working with refugees in many places around the world. May they be kept safe and rewarded for their brave efforts to bring comfort and safe haven for those displaced by wars, famines, and unsafe conditions in their homelands. May they find the resources they need to care for the people who come to them for assistance.

Give thanks and praise that the men of the Moravian Unity have supported the efforts of the UWD. They have encouraged our efforts, and some have been very generous with their donations to help us. Most importantly, they have not hindered our work in any way. We thank God for their wisdom and understanding and pray that the day will come when neither a women's desk nor a men's desk is needed.

Give thanks and praise that the UWD has been well-received by the mission boards of the Unity. We are now being invited to attend their annual meetings, and we are learning about their efforts to help women and men. Together we can work to be sure that worthwhile projects are being adequately supported and that scholarships, loans and project funds are being distributed to the many places where they are needed.

Pray for the Unity Youth Desk that is now two years old. Pray that they may be successful in assisting the youth of our Moravian Church in their endeavors.

Advent Season starts on December 2. Start to prepare your heart for the coming of Advent—and the coming of our Lord anew in your hearts.

Please continue to pray for the

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