

World Day of Prayer USA 2014

March 7, 2014 (Friday)

'Streams in the Desert'

Greetings and welcome to the World Day of Prayer USA Partners!

In 2014, the World Day of Prayer Egypt Committee invites us to search out 'streams in the desert' and find living water in our world. Exploring the story of Jesus' conversation at a well with a Samaritan woman, the women of WDP Egypt call us to bridge those things that divide us; find unexpected results; engage in intergenerational and multi-faith dialogue; and advocate for clean water and girls'education.

This year WDP USA is making 'celebration' resources more accessible online. Order of Service worship booklets can be downloaded at no cost and can be easily adapted to worship services. Leader's Guide's contain the full Order of Worship and can be ordered for each of leader. Many of the features previously found in the Leader's Guide are now available for free download, including background information on Egypt, Bible studies, action ideas, communication and promotion materials, recipes, and more! Even the children's lessons, complete with a coloring sheets, may be downloaded at no cost!

As the WDP USA strives to improve the online ordering and increase free downloadable materials, we know that hard copies of the materials are vital for some groups. Hard copies of most items continue to be available. For hard copies, complete an <u>order form</u> and mail it to WDP USA. Order forms are available online at <u>www.wdp-usa.org</u> or call the WDP USA distribution center at (888) 937-8720.

World Day of Prayer has always been a grassroots movement of women and, in this time of increased connectivity, we have a renewed opportunity to share one another's stories.

- Post on WDP USA Facebook page. Let us know how your planning process is going.
- Visit the WDP USA blog at www.wdp-usa.org/catergories/blog to learn what women in other parts of the country are doing to plan, promote, celebrate World Day of Prayer.
- Join our mailing list to receive bi-monthly e-mail updates from the WDP USA Community, including stories of why WDP matters to you, ideas for worship, and updates on offering grantees.
- Stay tuned to our e-mail list and blog to learn about planning and preparation webinars to be held this fall.

In this time when membership organizations struggle to survive and church memberships decline, the WDP USA community remains strong. Your commitment to this global, grassroots movement is our *'stream in the desert'*! We are grateful for your partnership as we continue to work for justice and equality for all women through prayer, partnership, service and celebration.

In prayer and action,

Susan Jackson-Dowd, Chairperson World Day of Prayer USA Committee