

Women's World Day of Prayer 2018

The Interdenominational movement of the Women's World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5000 services being held on

Friday 2nd March with the title @All God's Creation is very good!

We will join an estimated 3 million people around the world that day in a service which has been written this year by the women of Suriname in South America.

Starting in Samoa as the sun rises and ending as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa, the service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects as we are reminded that we have responsibilities in caring for this wonderful world we live in.

With vast rainforest and wealth of resources, Suriname asks us to pray for conservation and the protection of wildlife, through an awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse, as well as for the situation in Suriname and concerns for the future. (And what could be more topical and 'on-trend' than that?)

This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for **everyone** who cares about our world and those who live in it. For further information please visit the WWDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk

In the meantime Bramhope's service is on **2nd March at 2pm in St Giles Church**. Do come along as these annual services are always well attended and send us away with thoughts and meditation about the world *outside* Bramhope.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

by the WDP Committee of Suriname, March 2, 2018

“All God’s Creation is Very Good!”

THE DIVINE GIFT

We live in a beautiful country that we received from our Creator. It boasts wonderful forests and mountains, and has great rivers with impressive rapids. It is a country rich with flowers and animals, and provides enough food for all. Let us cherish this exquisite gift so that we can pass its beauty on to future generations.

THE PAINTING

Here we symbolically see the hands that receive the divine gift and pass it on to the next generations. Every day the sun shines over the land where animals and plants have found a place. The vegetables and fruit tell us that there is enough food for everyone. The blue hummingbird, the white ibis and the macaw are a few of the many bird species our country boasts. The blue frog is one of the protected animal species that can only be found in Suriname.

The red and yellow heliconia is native to our country and the majestic kapok tree is a beautiful giant in our forest. The Voltzberg is one of Suriname’s many granite mountains. The seven women symbolize all women in Suriname who cherish this gift to pass it on to their children. Seven also symbolizes the seven days of God’s creation.

